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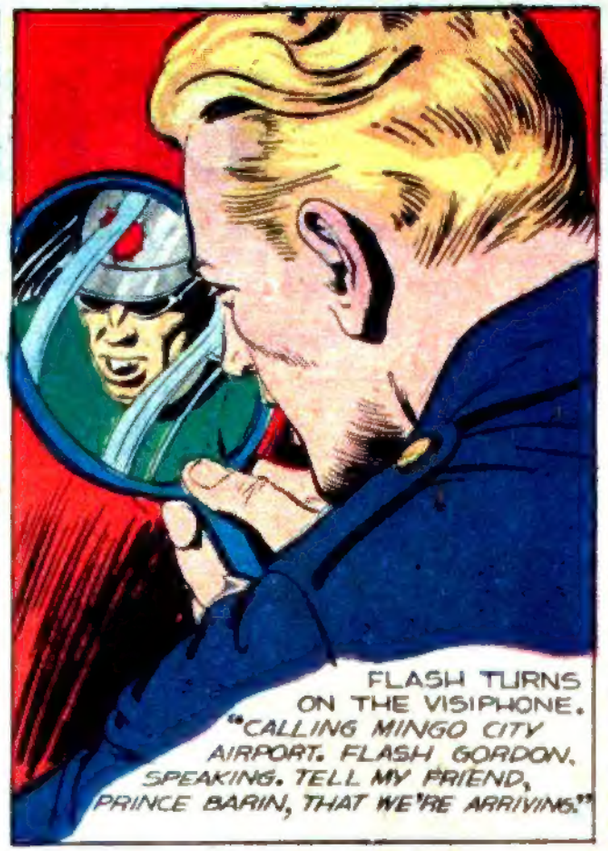

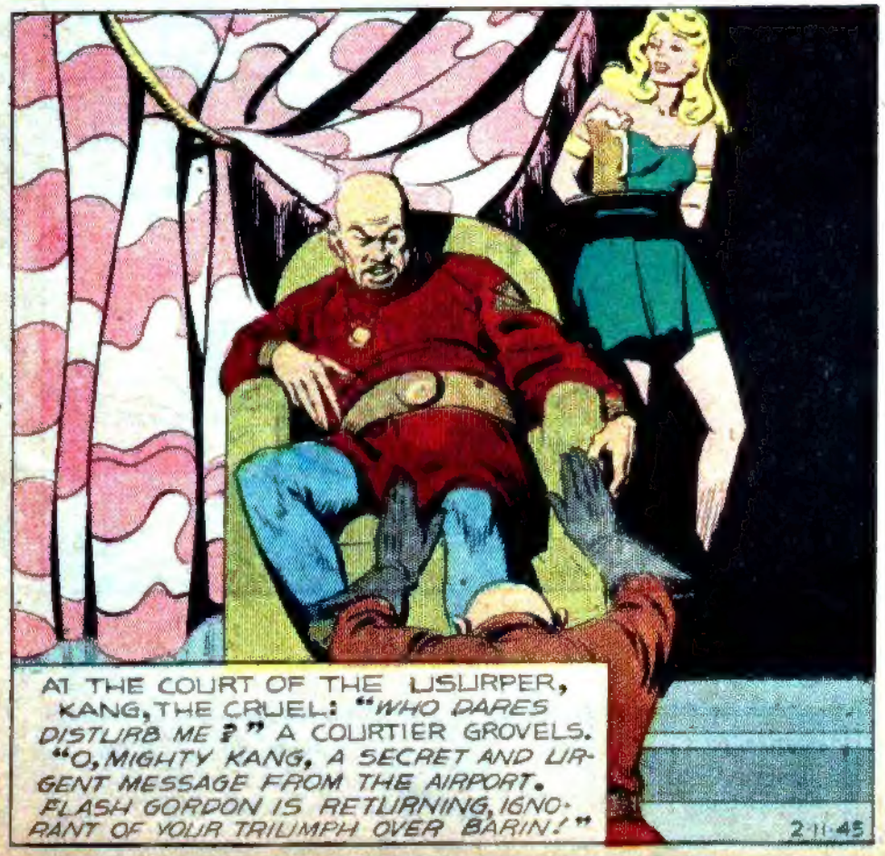

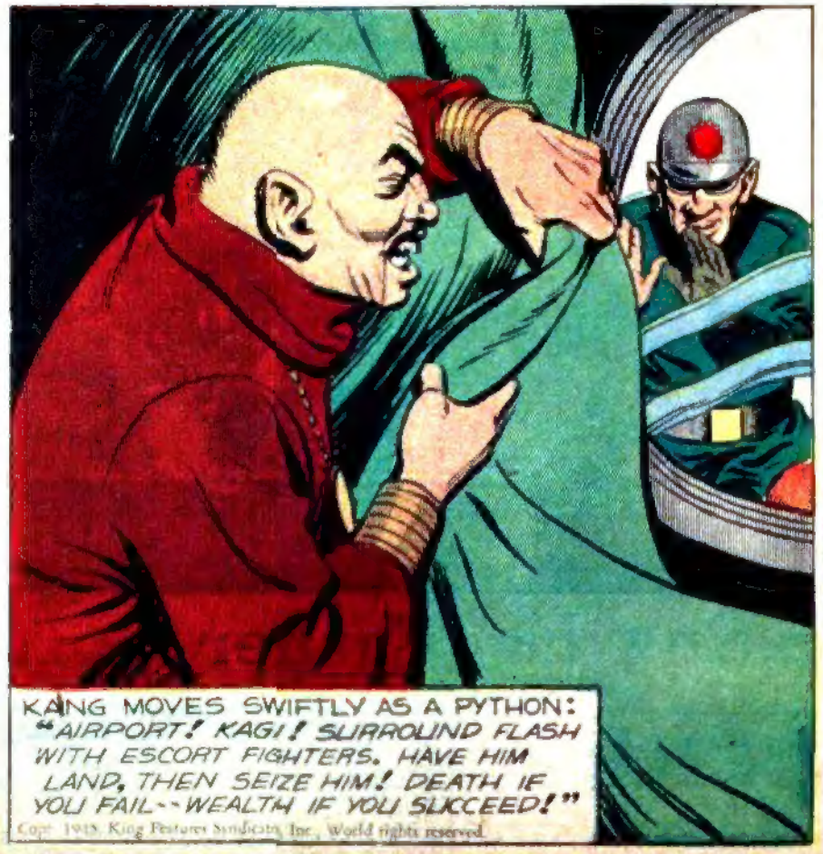

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NEXT WEEK — GRIM WELCOME.

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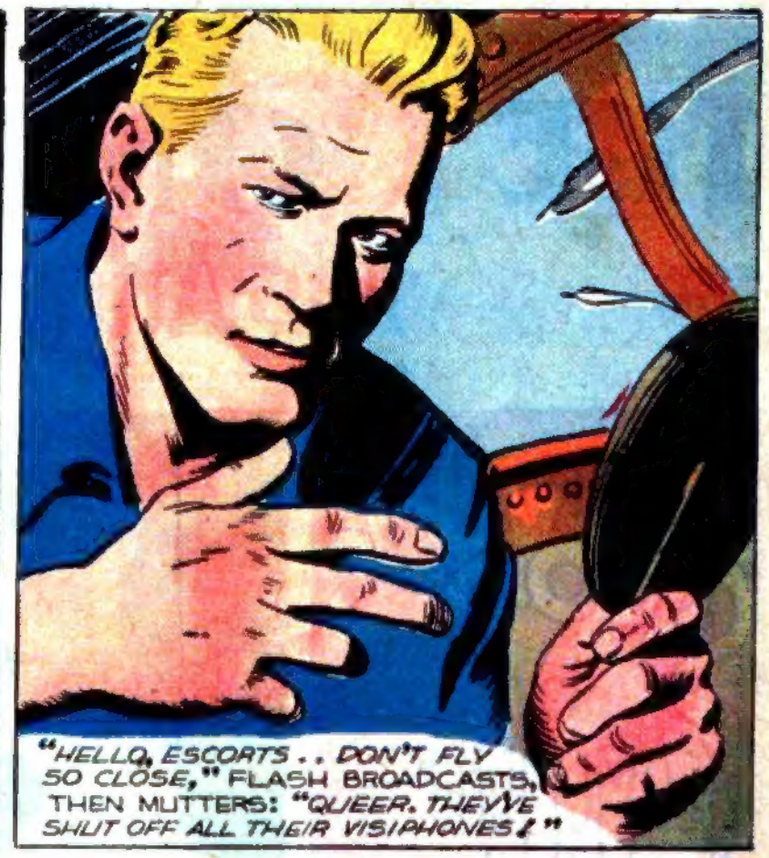
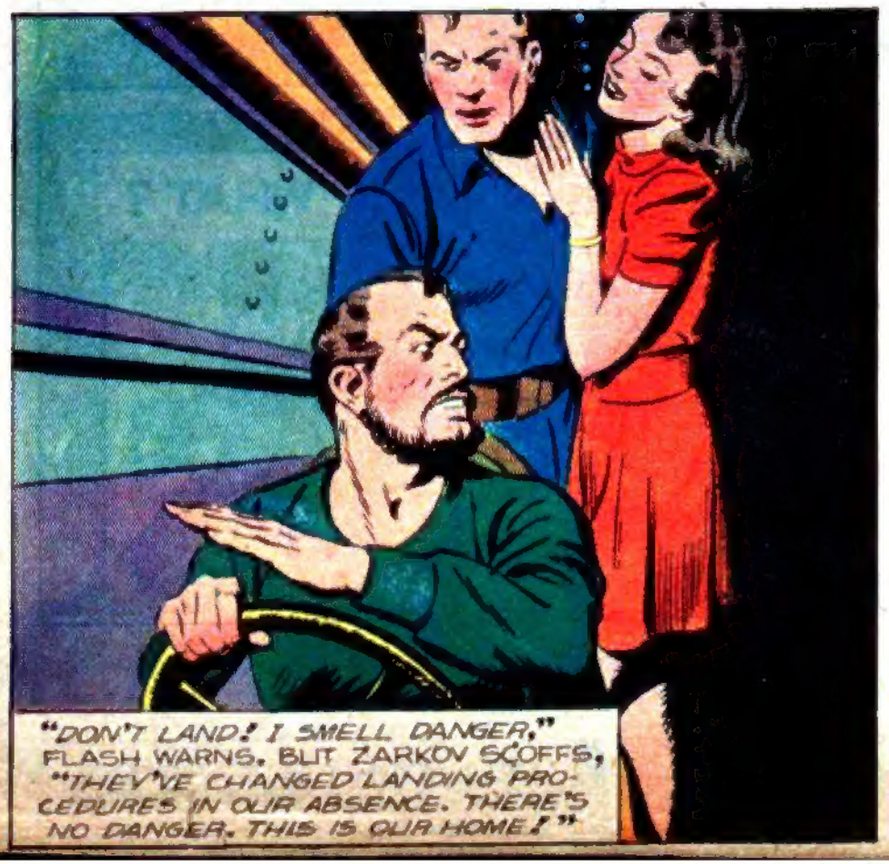
A FLEET OF KANG'S SWIFT, DEADLY FIGHTERS RISES TO ESCORT FLASH TO MINGO AIRPORT. *"GOOD OLD BARIN IS SURELY ROLLING OUT THE CARPET IN A ROYAL WELCOME,"* DALE LAUGHS.....

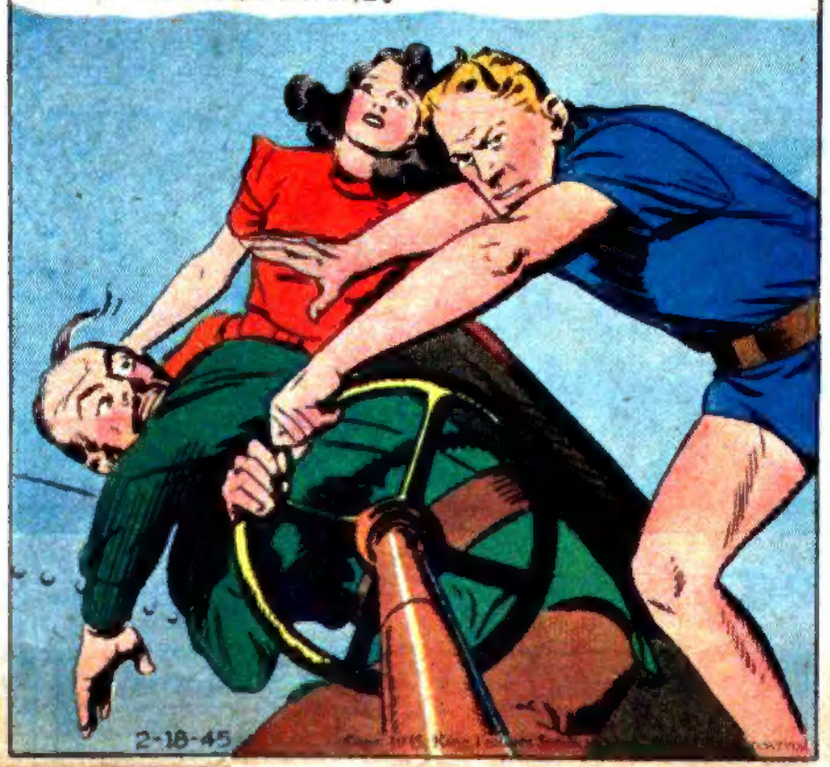


"HELLO, ESCORTS.. DON'T FLY SO CLOSE," FLASH BROADCASTS, THEN MUTTERS: *"QUEER. THEY'VE SHUT OFF ALL THEIR VISIPHONES!"*



"DON'T LAND! I SMELL DANGER," FLASH WARNS. BUT ZARKOV SCOFFS, *"THEY'VE CHANGED LANDING PROCEDURES IN OUR ABSENCE. THERE'S NO DANGER. THIS IS OUR HOME!"*

FLASH SPOTS THE ARMORCARS AND SPEED GUNS AMBUSHED BY THE LANDING STRIP. *"HANG ON... WE'RE GOING UPSTAIRS!"*



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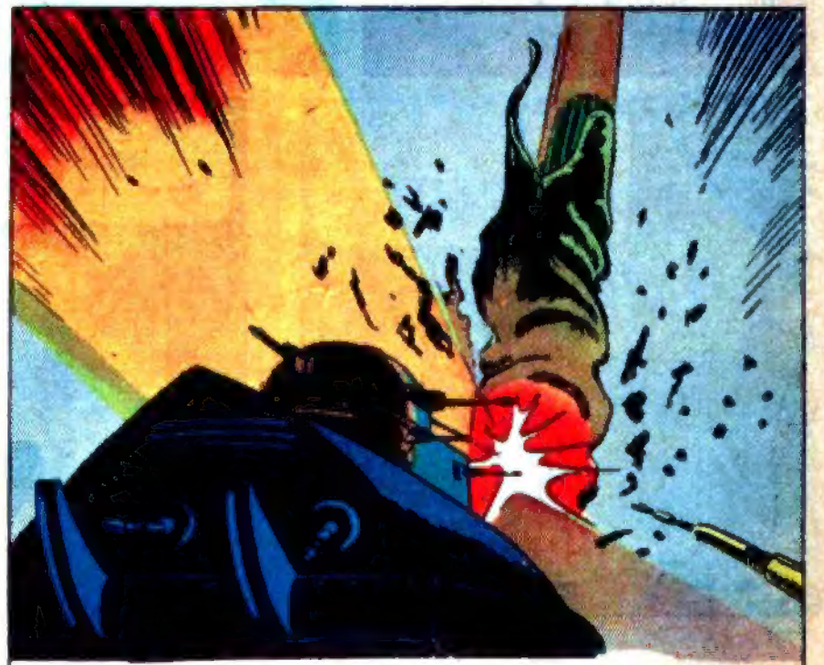

BUT KANG, THE CRUEL, HAS PLANNED TOO WELL. MASSED FIRE-POWER KNOCKS FLASH DOWN IN A BLAZING PYRE....

NEXT WEEK: KANG'S CAPTIVES.

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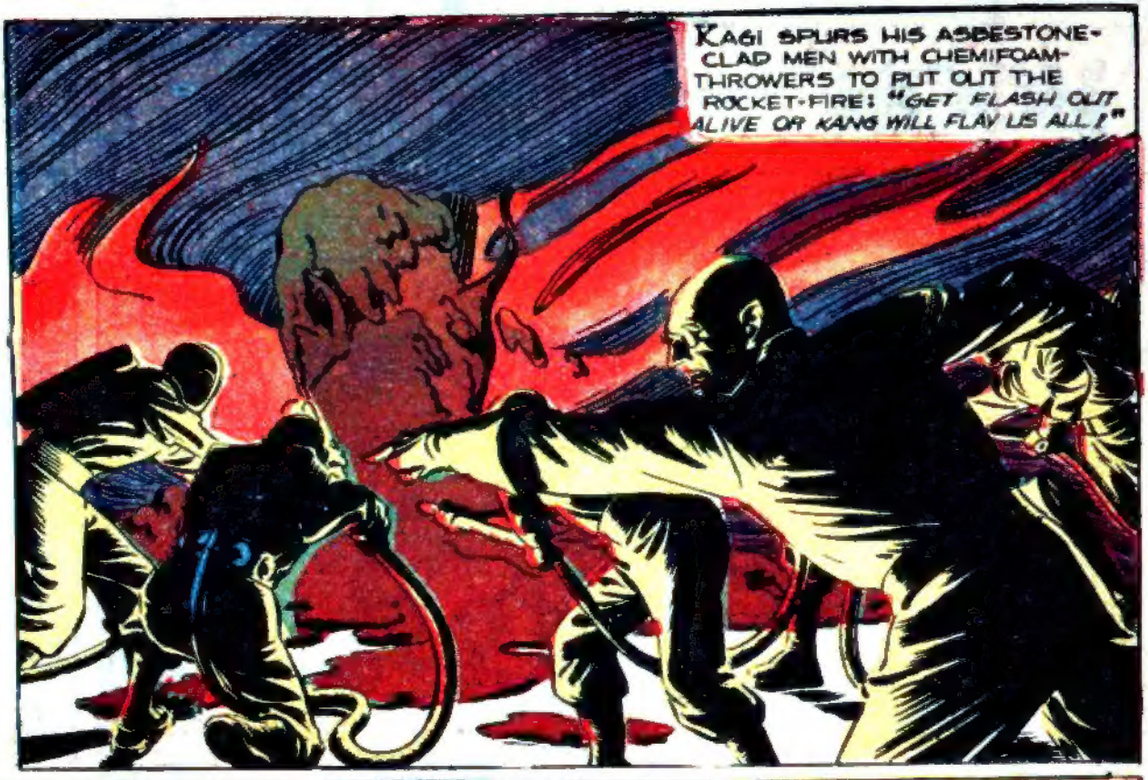

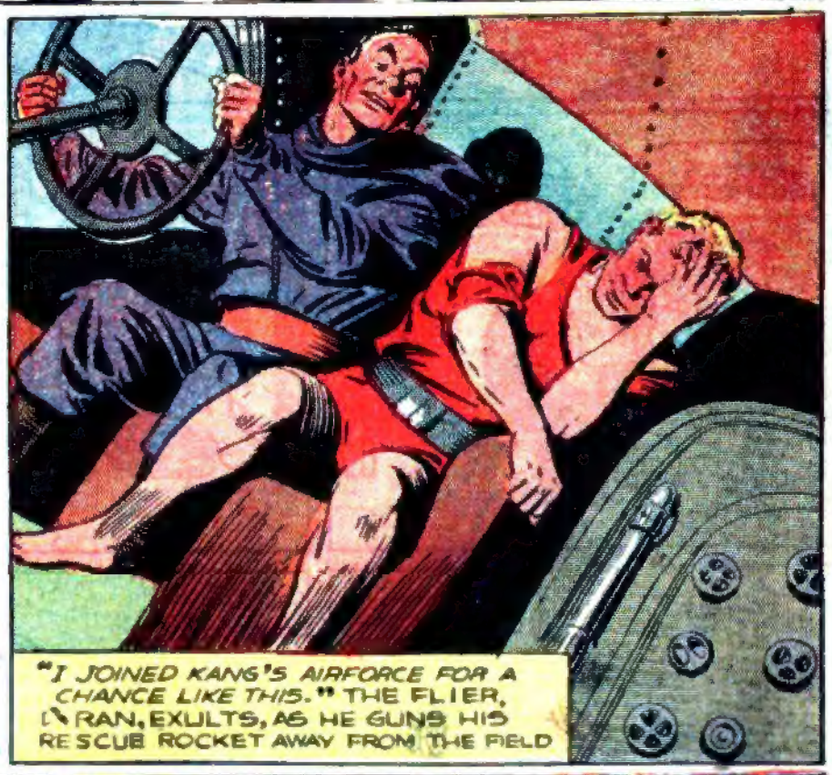

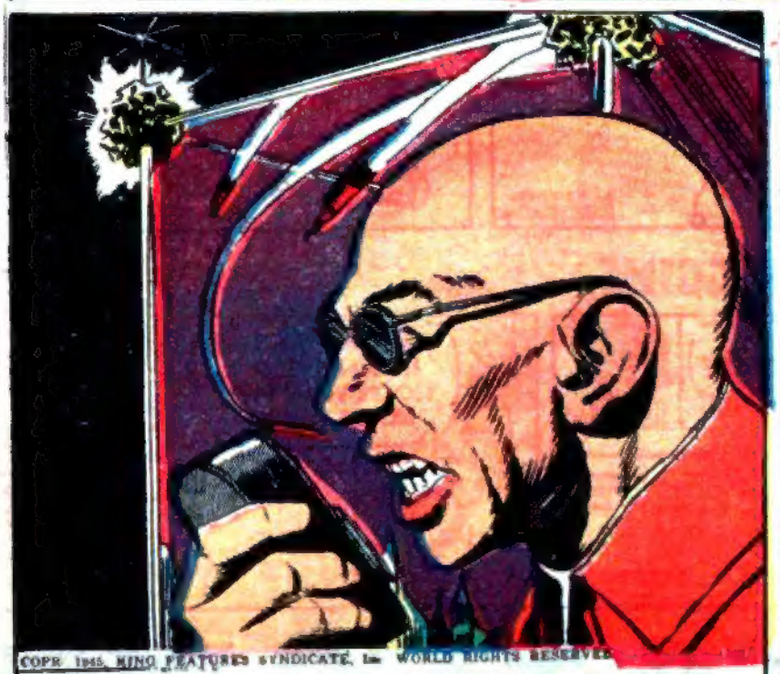

WITH HIS LIFE AT STAKE, KAGI DIRECTS THE ROCKET-PURSUIT, WATCHING THROUGH TRI-DIMENSION GLASSES, AS THE SHIPS ARE REPRODUCED IN VISIFIELD

THEIR ROCKET CRIPPLED BY THE SUICIDAL PURSUIT OF KANG'S FIGHTERS, FLASH AND DARAN CRASH INTO A LOFTY BUILDING.

NEXT WEEK: UNDERGROUND ALLIES.

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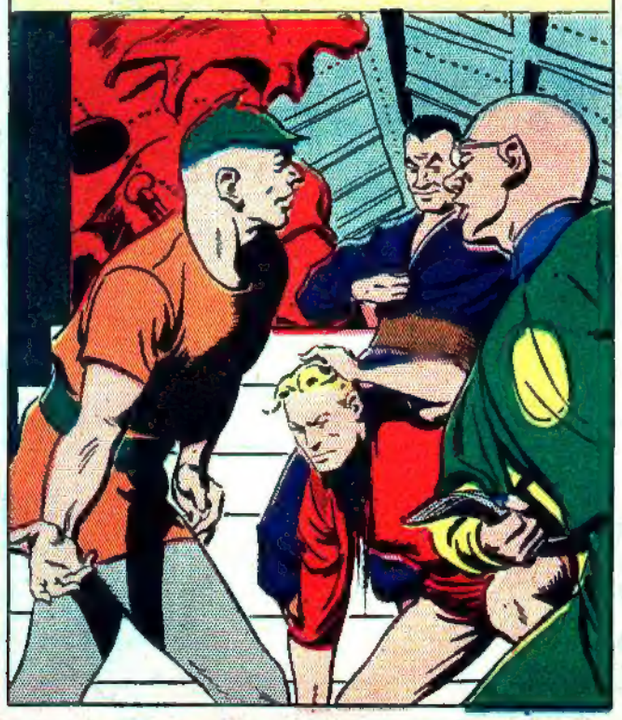

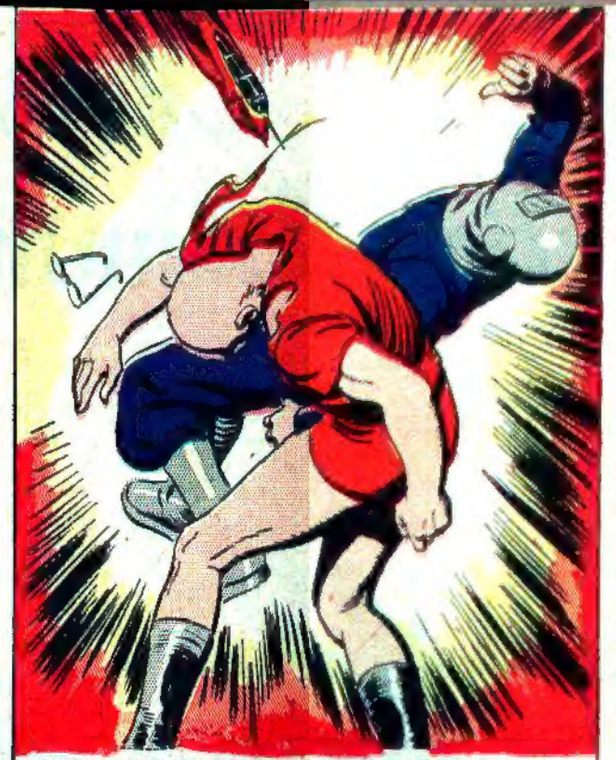

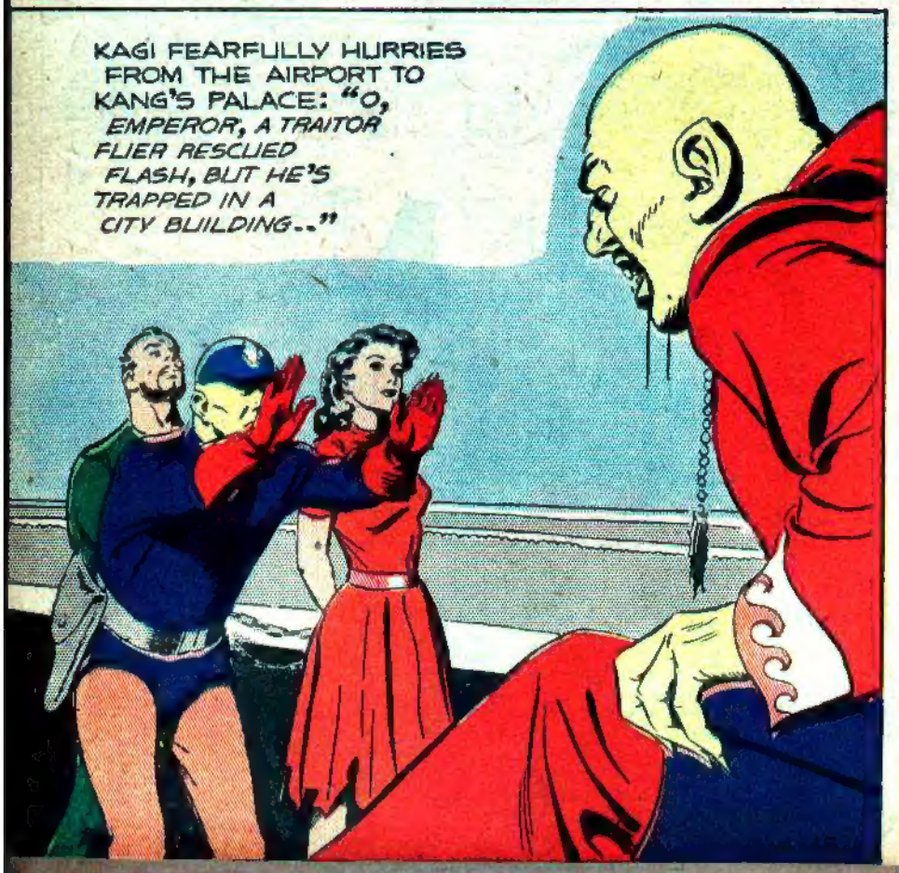

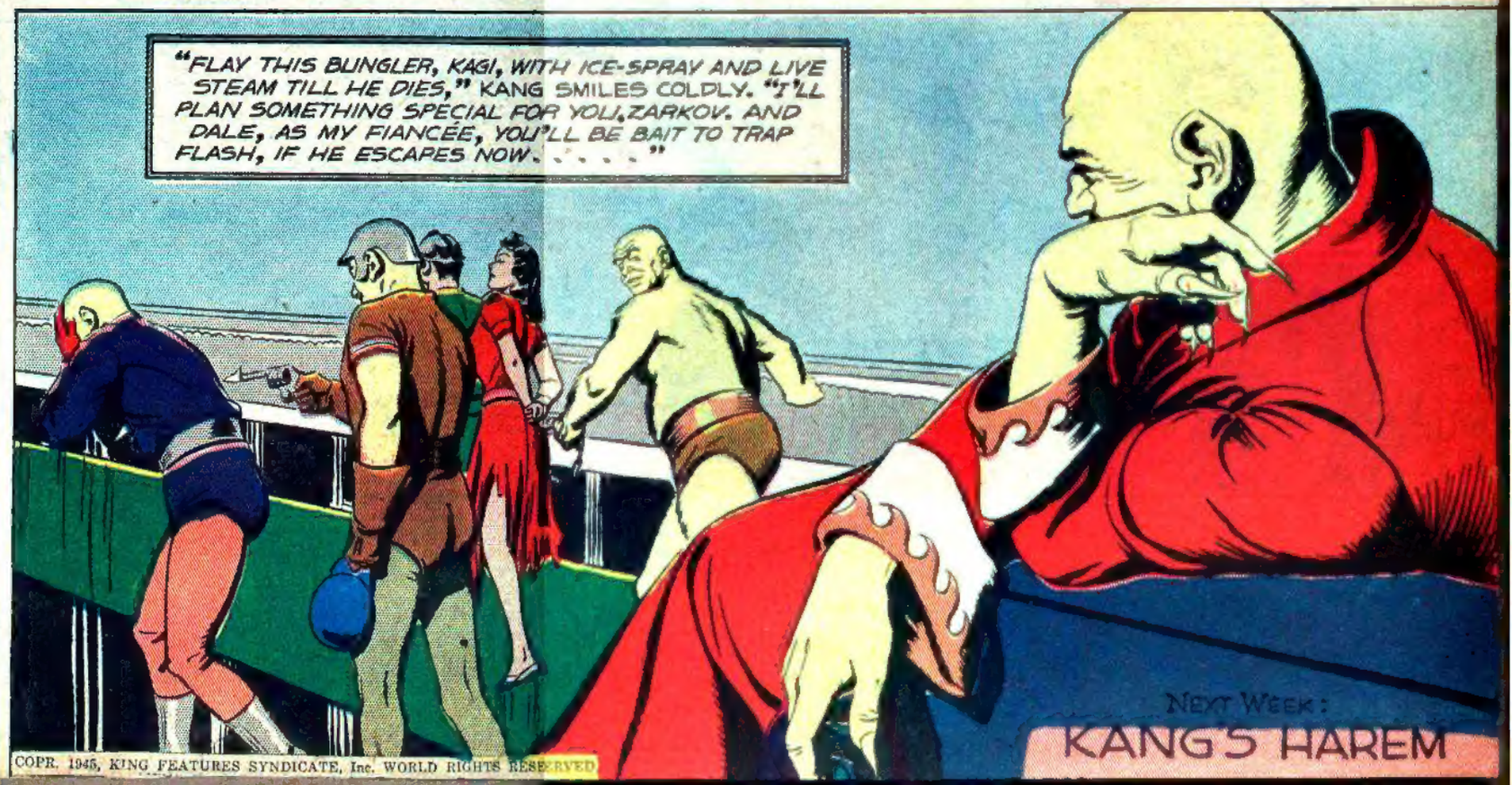

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NEXT WEEK:
KANG'S HAREM

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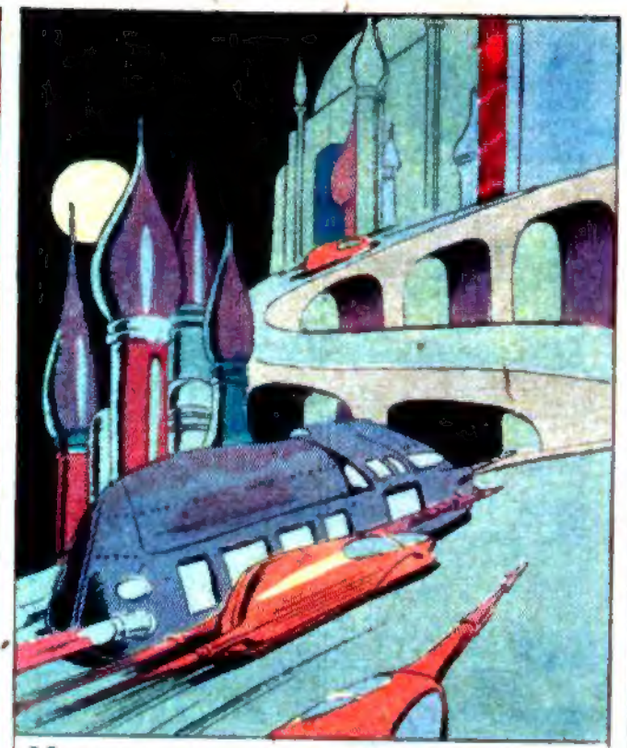
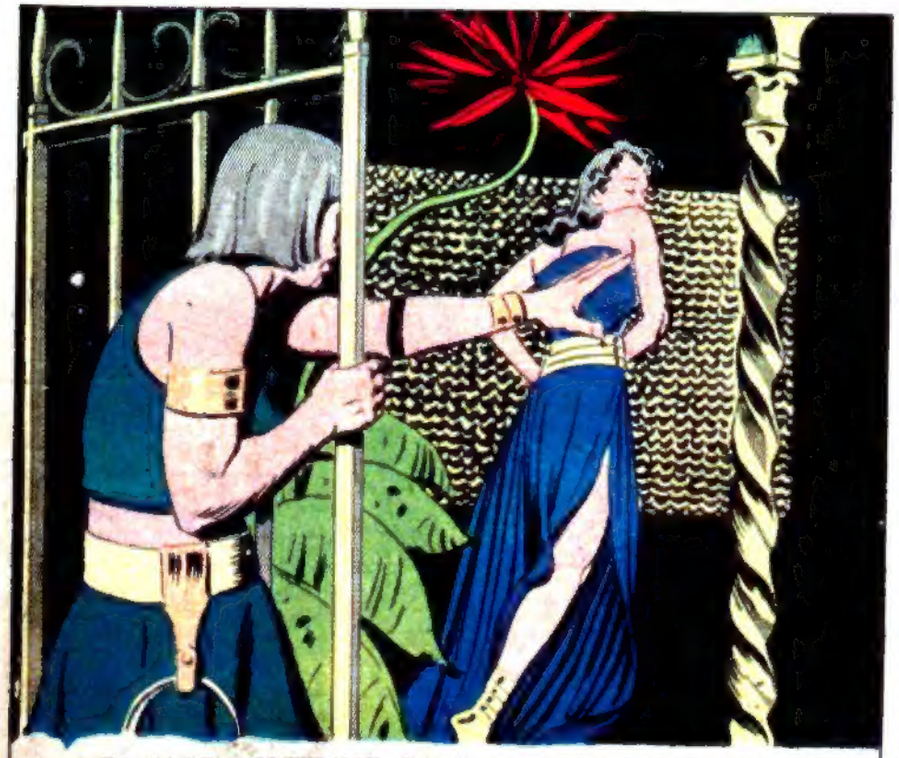
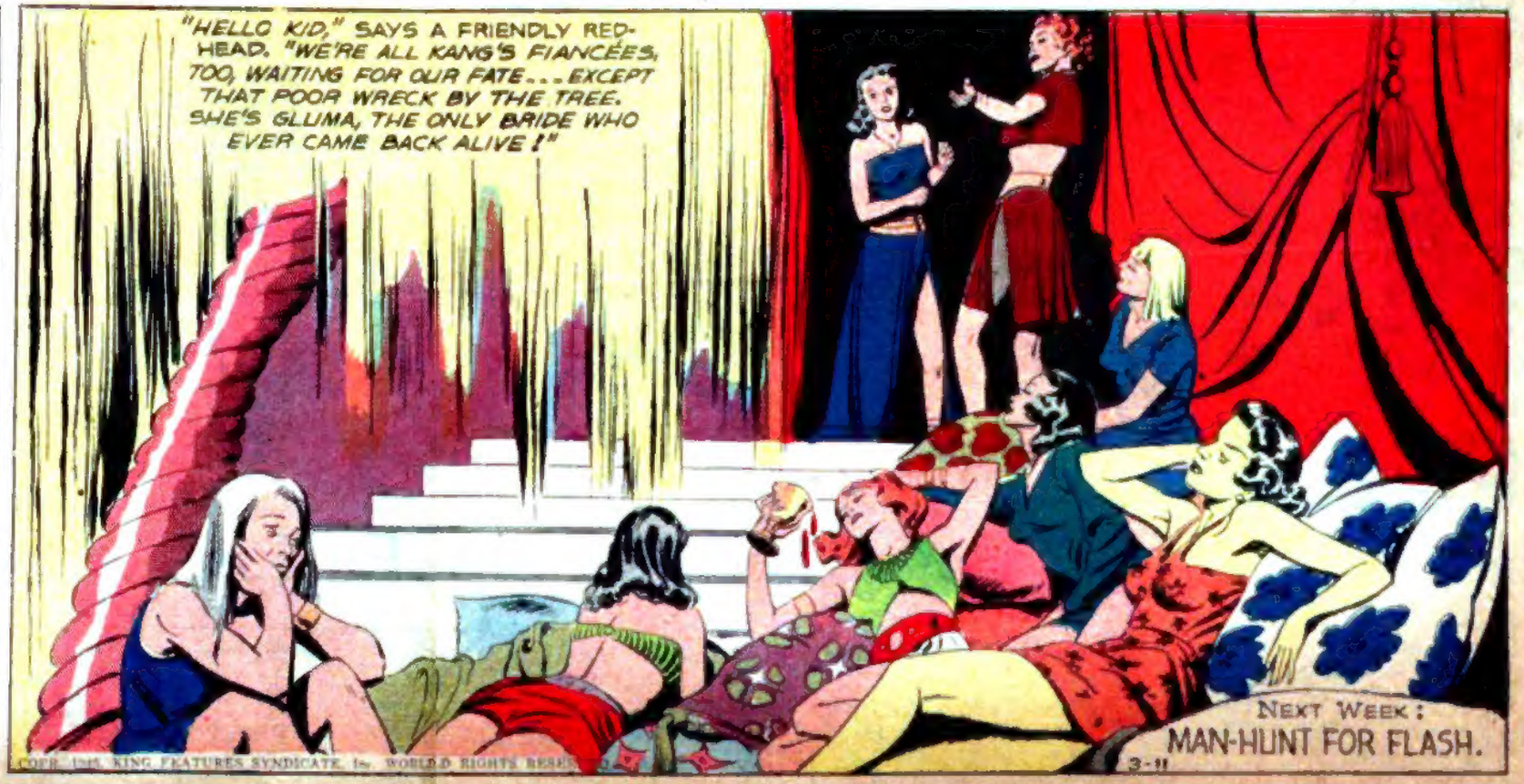


KANG SENDS DALE TO HIS HAREM IN A SPEED-TANK, WITH ARMED PATROLS READY, IF FLASH ATTEMPTS A RESCUE.



IN HAREM COSTUME, DALE IS THRUST INTO THE COURTYARD WITH THE MATRON'S PARTING SALUTE, "HERE, GIRLS... WELCOME KANG'S NEWEST FIANCÉE!"



NEXT WEEK: MAN-HUNT FOR FLASH.

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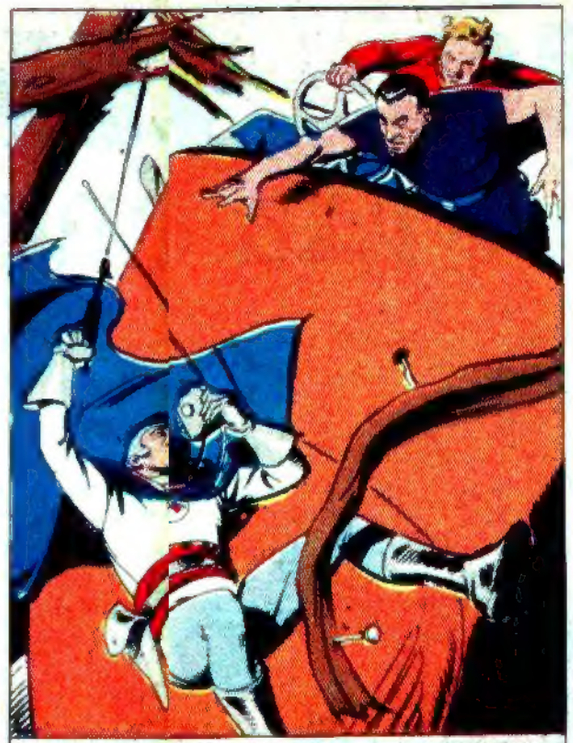
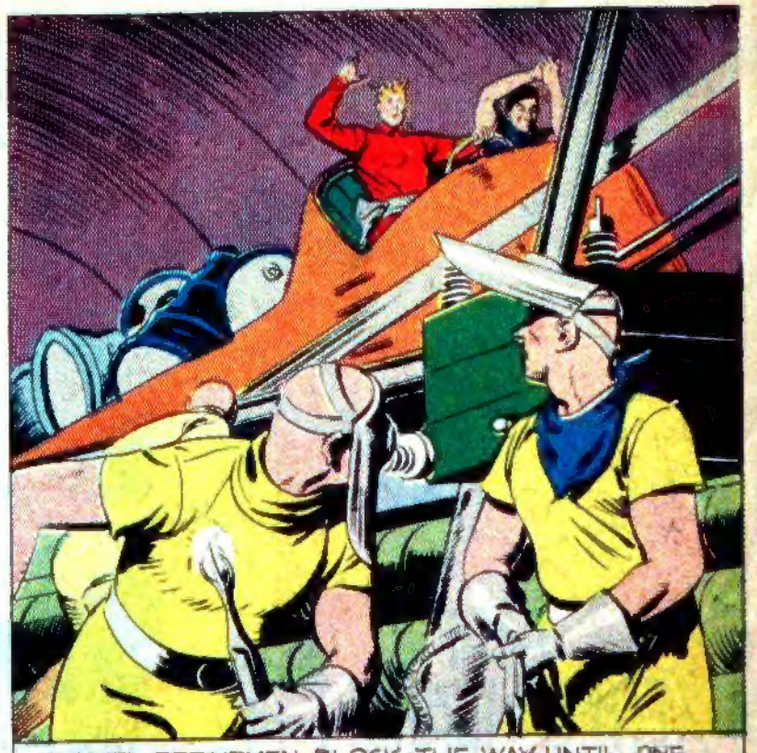
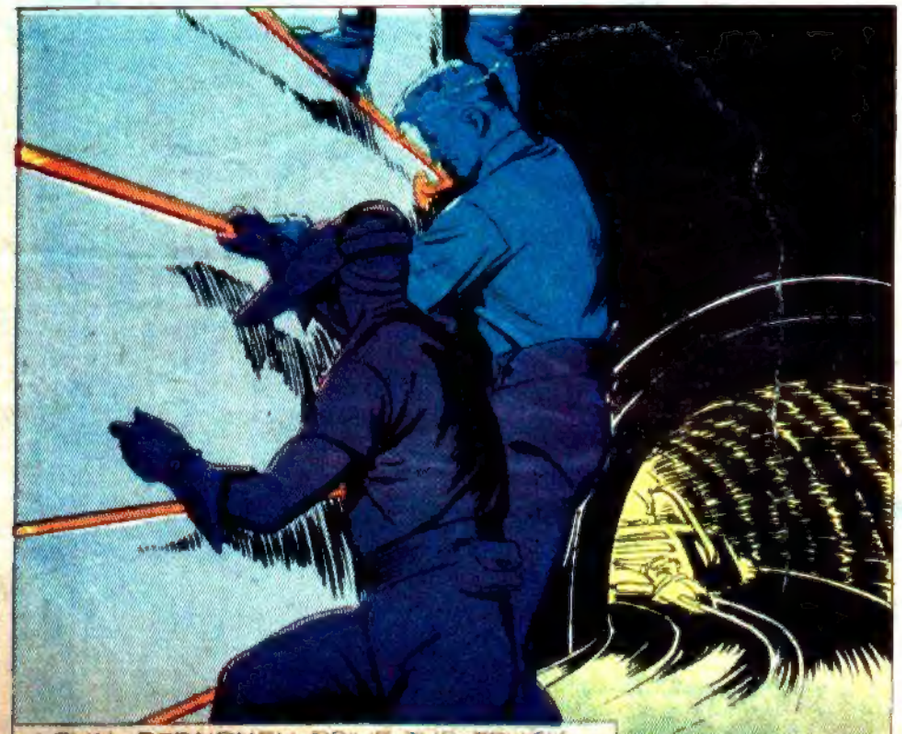
KANG MURDERS HUNDREDS, AS HE ORDERS HIS FLIERS TO FLAME-SPRAY THE ENTIRE BUILDING IN WHICH FLASH TOOK REFUGE.



BUT DEEP UNDERGROUND, FLASH AND DARIN ESCAPE IN A TRASH-TRUCK, DASHING THROUGH POLICE BARRIER IN THE SERVICE TUNNES THAT HONEYCOMB THE CITY.

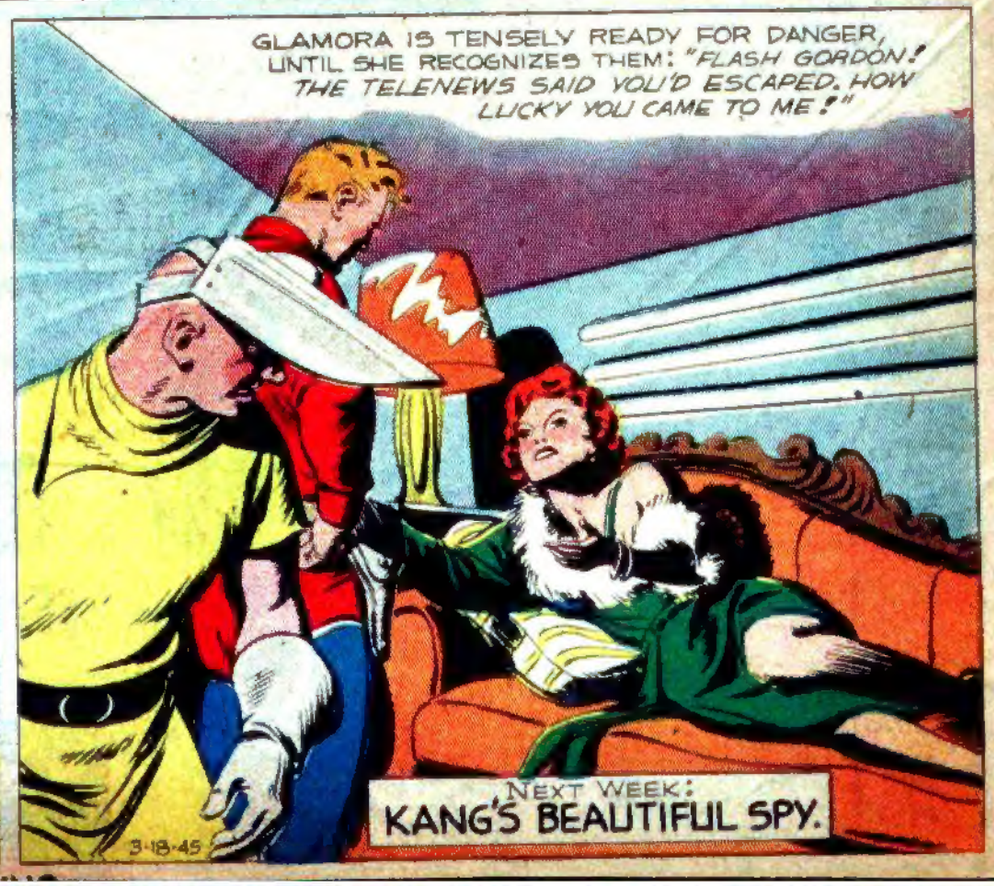


TUNNEL REPAIRMEN BLOCK THE WAY, UNTIL ONE SHOUTS: *"LOOK, IT'S FLASH GORDON COME TO SAVE US FROM KANG! QUICK,.... WE'LL LEAD YOU TO SAFETY, IF IT COSTS OUR LIVES!"*



LOYAL REPAIRMEN DRIVE THE TRUCK AWAY, FOOLING KANG'S ROCKET-CYCLE POLICE INTO CHASING THEM. *"COME ON, FLASH, I'LL TAKE YOU TO GLAMORA'S HIDE-OUT.. IT'S A LITTLE WAY IN THE TUNNELS."*

"GLAMORA JOINED OUR SECRET BAND OF FREE MEN WHEN HER SISTER, GLUMA, WAS FORCED TO BE ONE OF KANG'S WIVES," THE GUIDE EXPLAINS, OPENING A HIDDEN WALL PANEL.



NEXT WEEK: **KANG'S BEAUTIFUL SPY.**

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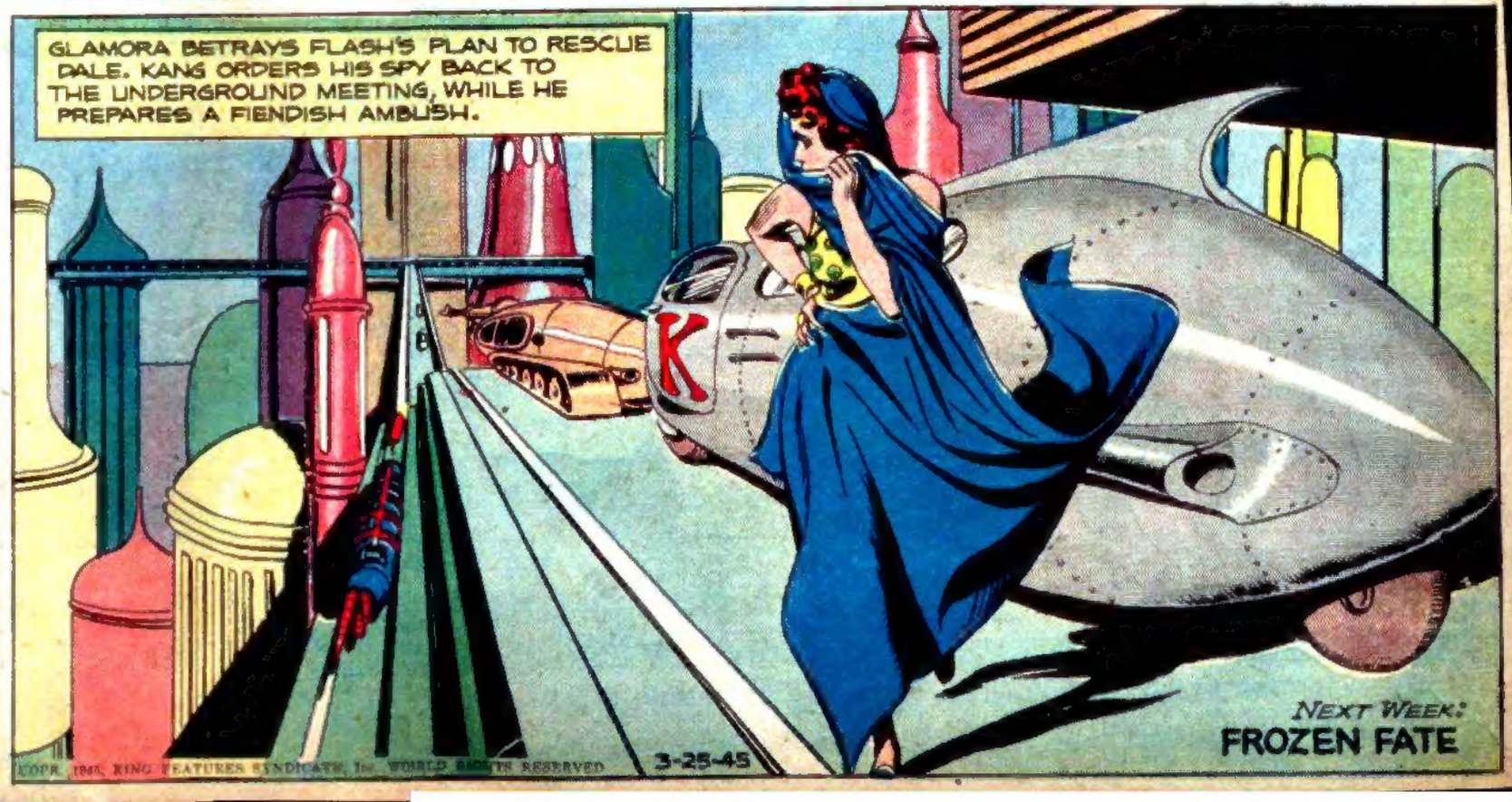

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NEXT WEEK:
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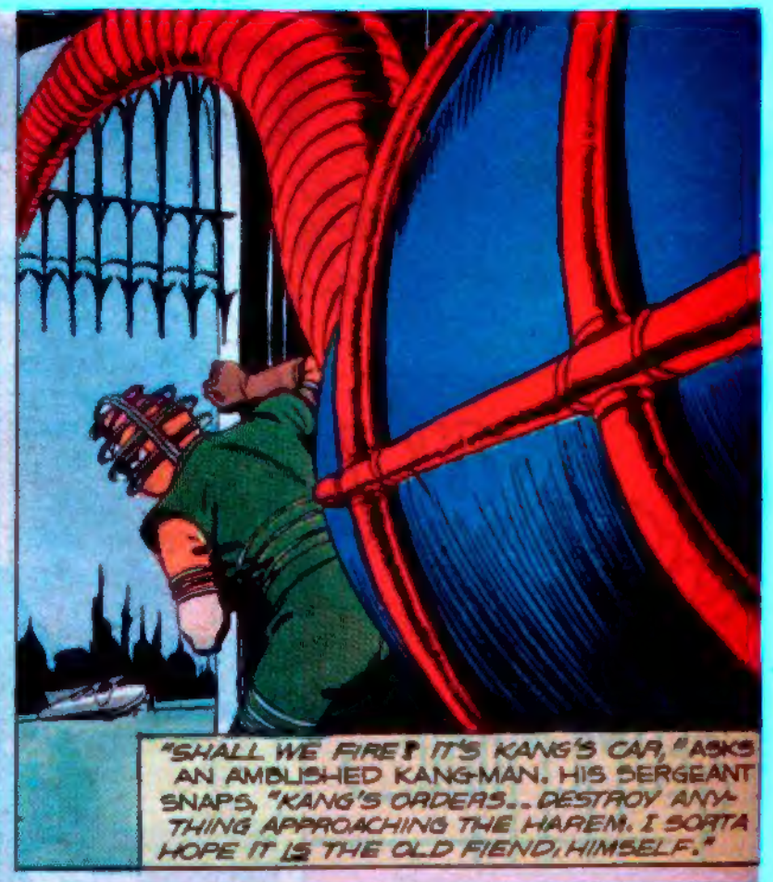
THE FREEMEN SWEAR TO FOLLOW FLASH TO DEATH OR LIBERTY. GLAMORA IS ALMOST TEMPTED TO WARN FLASH OF KANG'S AMBUSH... "HE IS TOO HANDSOME TO DIE!"



"SHALL WE FIRE? IT'S KANG'S CAR," ASKS AN AMBUSHED KANGMAN. HIS SERGEANT SNAPS, "KANG'S ORDERS... DESTROY ANYTHING APPROACHING THE HAREM. I SORTA HOPE IT IS THE OLD FIEND, HIMSELF."

THE FRIGICAR HURLS A MAN-MADE BLIZZARD AGAINST FLASH'S CAR. THE COLD OF ABSOLUTE ZERO SILENCES ITS ROCKETS AND FREEZES IT IN ITS TRACKS.

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FLASH'S COMRADES FREEZE INSTANTLY, NUMBED, BUT STILL FIGHTING, FLASH TURNS ON A HEATRAY GUN AND BRAVES THE FRIGICAR'S ICY FURY WITH HIS FEEBLE SHIELD.....

NEXT WEEK: HAREM REFUGE

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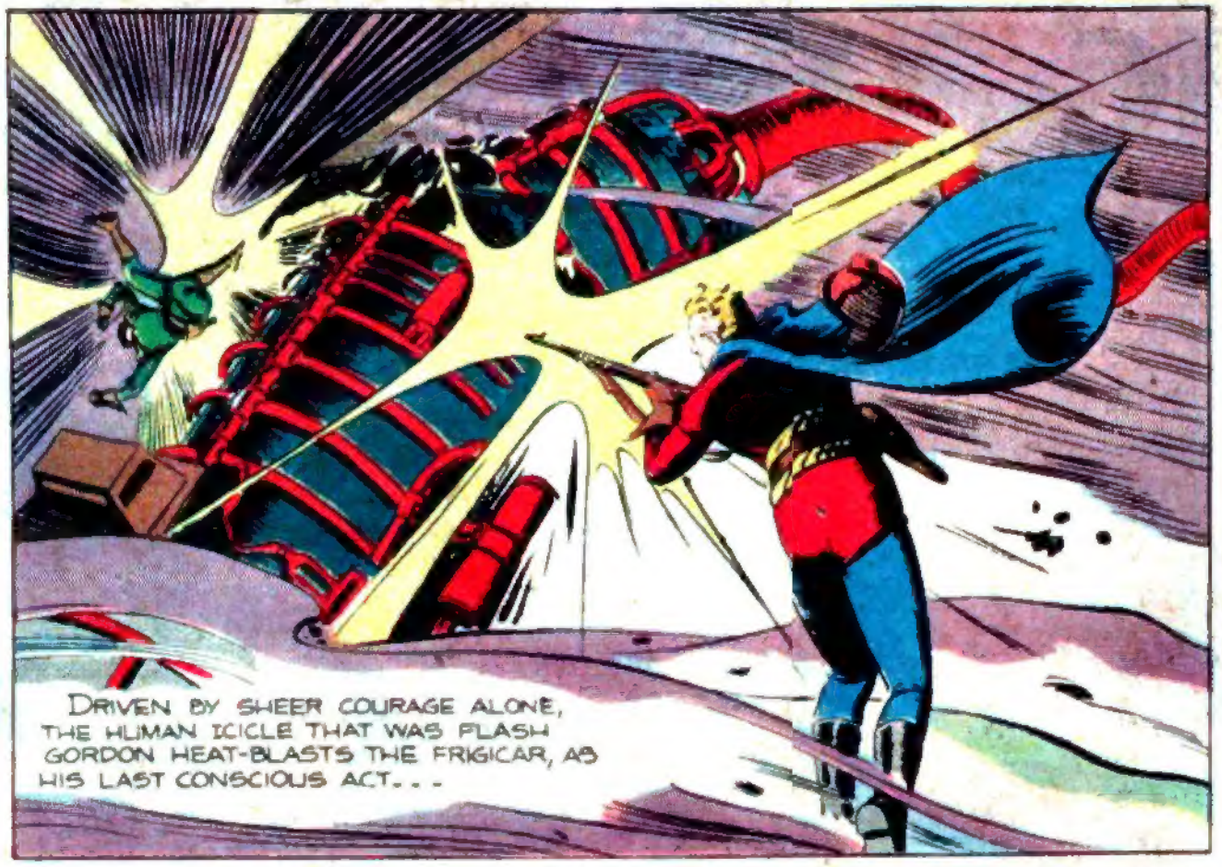

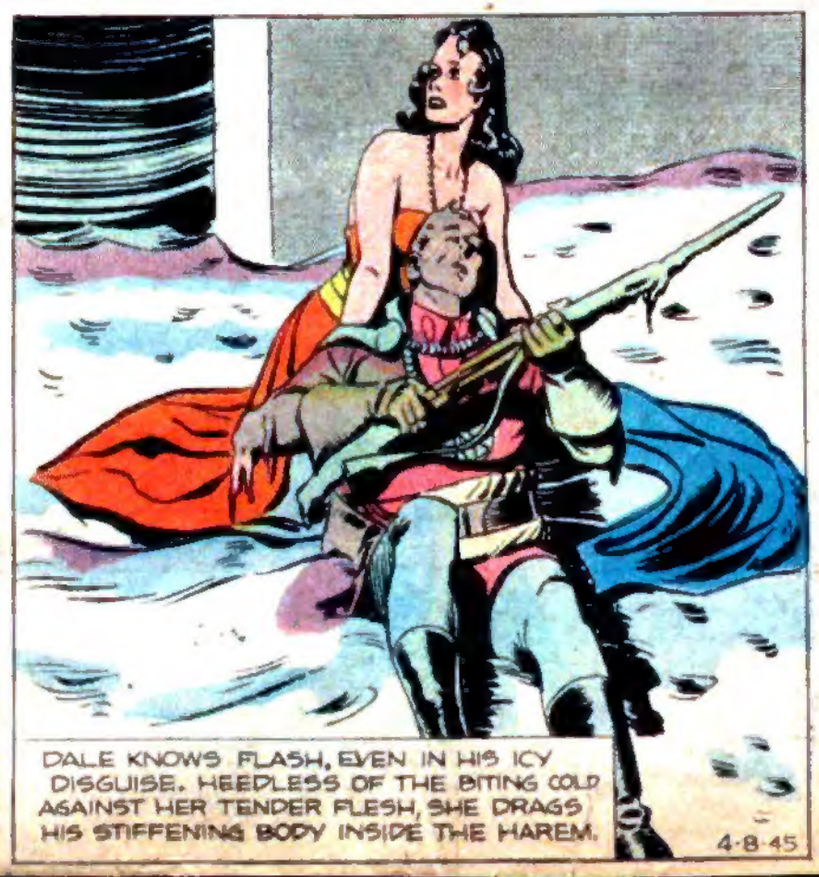

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NEXT WEEK: GLUMA TAKES A HAND.

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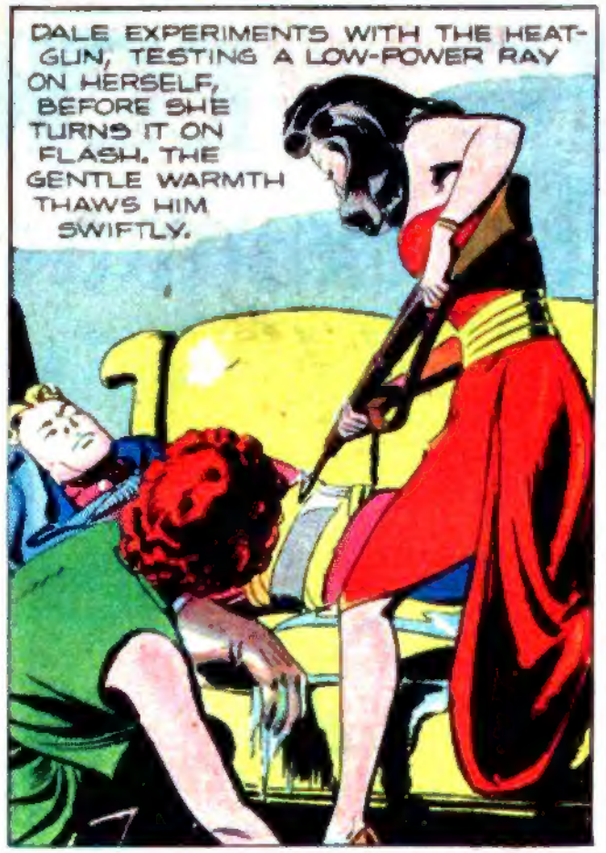

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THE FURIOUS MATRON STORMS INTO FLASH'S HIDE-OUT. *"BY TAO'S BLOOD! WHAT'S GOING ON?"* SHE THUNDERS.

"LOOKING FOR ME?" FLASH LAUGHS, FLINGING HIS BLANKET OVER THE MATRON. *"TAKE IT EASY AND YOU WON'T GET HURT!"*

RELOADING HIS HEAT-GUN WITH ATOM CHARGES FROM THE MATRON'S PISTOL, FLASH ATTACKS A REMOTE CORNER OF THE HAREM'S OUTER WALL. THE STONE RUNS DOWN LIKE MOLTEN LEAD.

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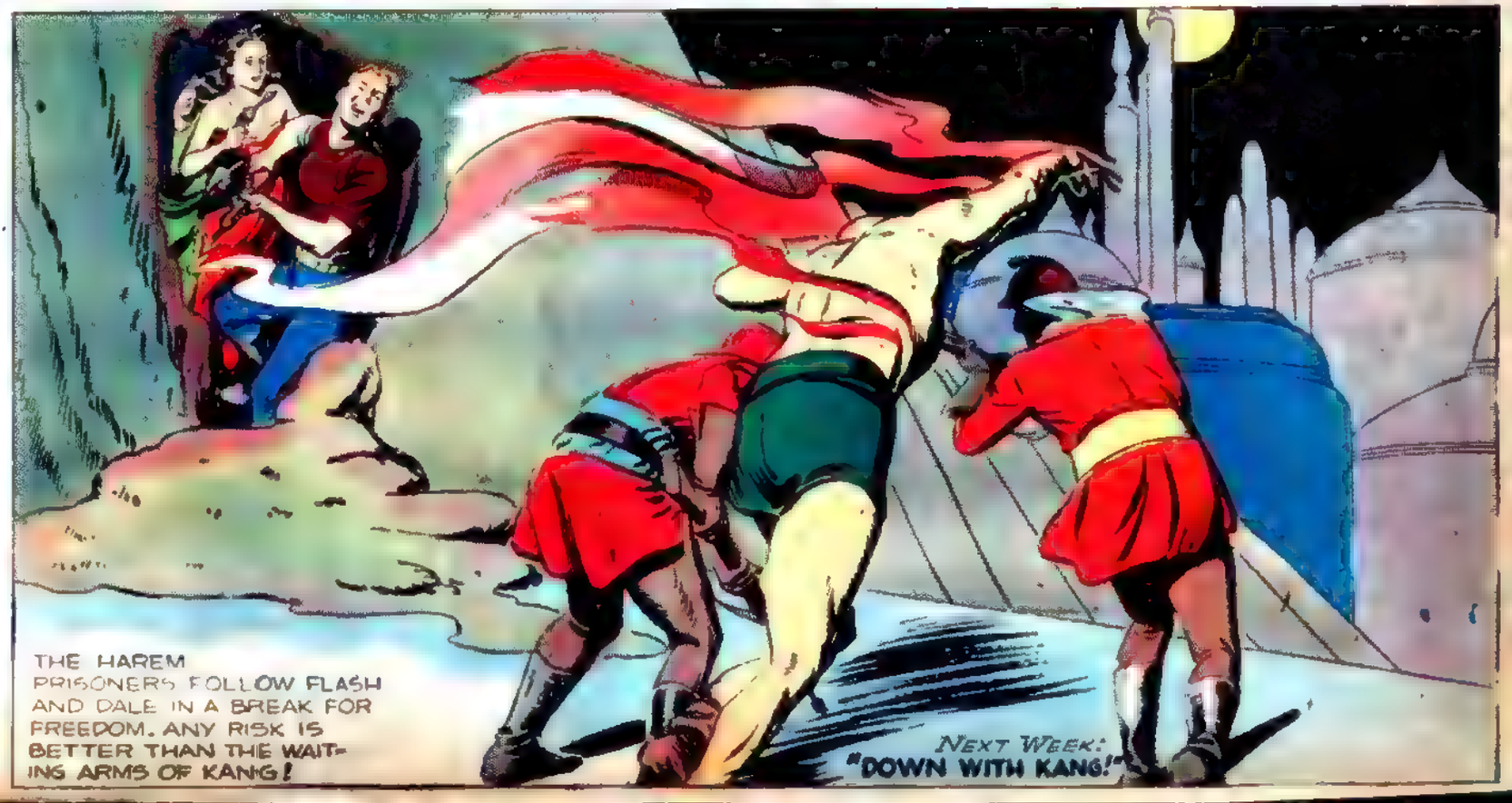

THE HAREM PRISONERS FOLLOW FLASH AND DALE IN A BREAK FOR FREEDOM. ANY RISK IS BETTER THAN THE WAITING ARMS OF KANG!

NEXT WEEK: **"DOWN WITH KANG!"**

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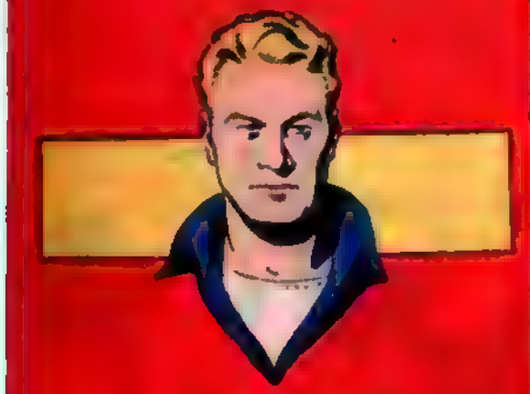
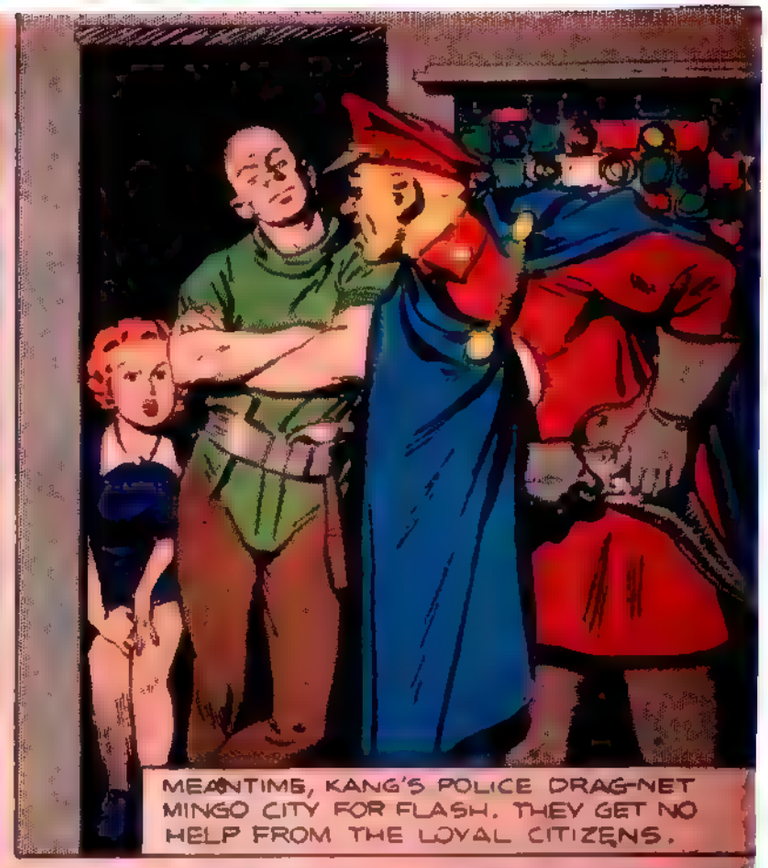


FLASH LEADS THE RESCUED HAREM GIRLS TO SAFETY AND TO A WILD WELCOME BY LOVED ONES WHO HAD GIVEN THEM UP FOR DEAD.



MEANTIME, KANG'S POLICE DRAG-NET MINGO CITY FOR FLASH. THEY GET NO HELP FROM THE LOYAL CITIZENS.

THE KANG-MEN SHOULD HAVE SEARCHED THE EMPEROR'S PALACE. GUIDED BY THEIR INSIDE ALLIES, FLASH'S FREEMEN REACH KANG'S SECRET TORTURE CHAMBER.

NEXT WEEK:
KANG'S TRICK.

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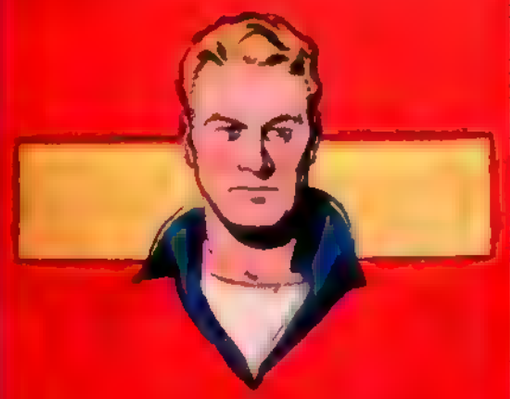


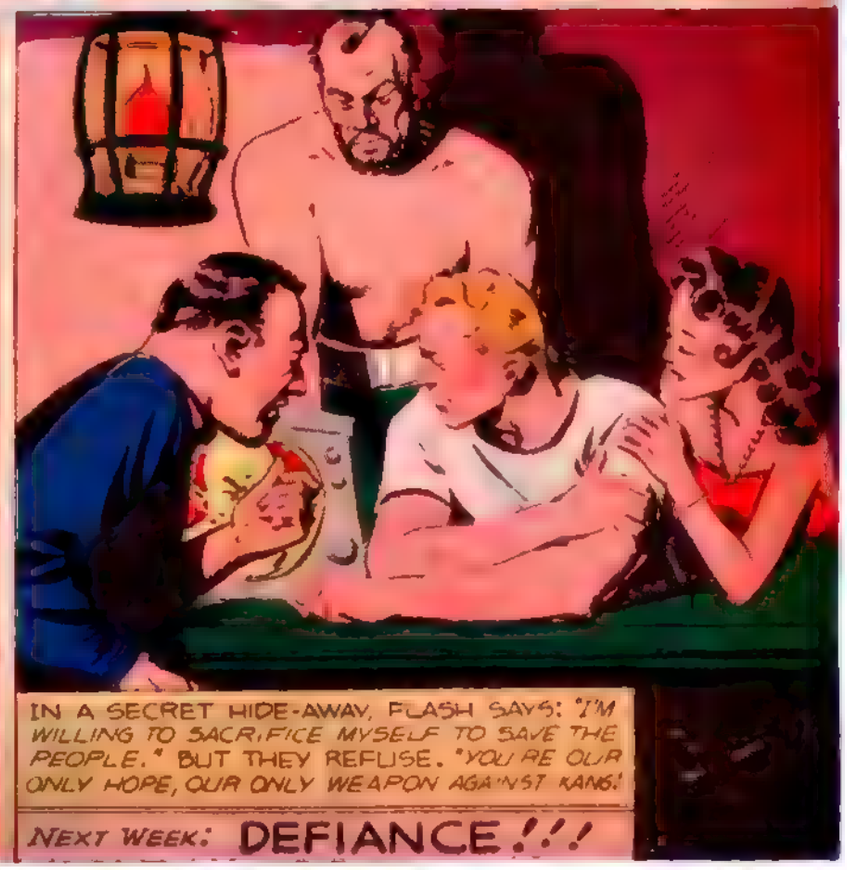
CORNERED KANG, THE CRUEL USES ZARKOV AS A HUMAN SHIELD. ZARKOV BELLOWS, *"GO ON AND SHOOT, FLASH!"*

ZARKOV BREAKS LOOSE. FLASH'S HURRIED SHOT WOUNDS KANG PAINFULLY, BUT NOT FATALLY, AS THE FIEND LEAPS BEHIND A STEELITE ESCAPE DOOR

THE FLEEING KANG TURNS ON A VICIOUS TORTURE-CHAMBER DEVICE. *"STRANGLE-GAS!"* FLASH WARNS: *"GET OUT OF HERE, MEN!"*

BALKED AT THE VERY DOORWAY OF SUCCESS, FLASH'S TINY BAND MUST SCATTER FOR THEIR LIVES BEFORE KANG'S OVERWHELMING ARMED MIGHT.

FLASH GETS AWAY, BUT KANG, BURNING WITH PAIN AND HUMILIATION, BROADCASTS: *"DELIVER FLASH TO MY POLICE OR I'LL DESTROY THE CITY AND ITS PEOPLE, BLOCK BY BLOCK!"*



IN A SECRET HIDE-AWAY, FLASH SAYS: *"I'M WILLING TO SACRIFICE MYSELF TO SAVE THE PEOPLE."* BUT THEY REFUSE. *"YOU'RE OUR ONLY HOPE, OUR ONLY WEAPON AGAINST KANG!"*

NEXT WEEK: **DEFIANCE!!!**

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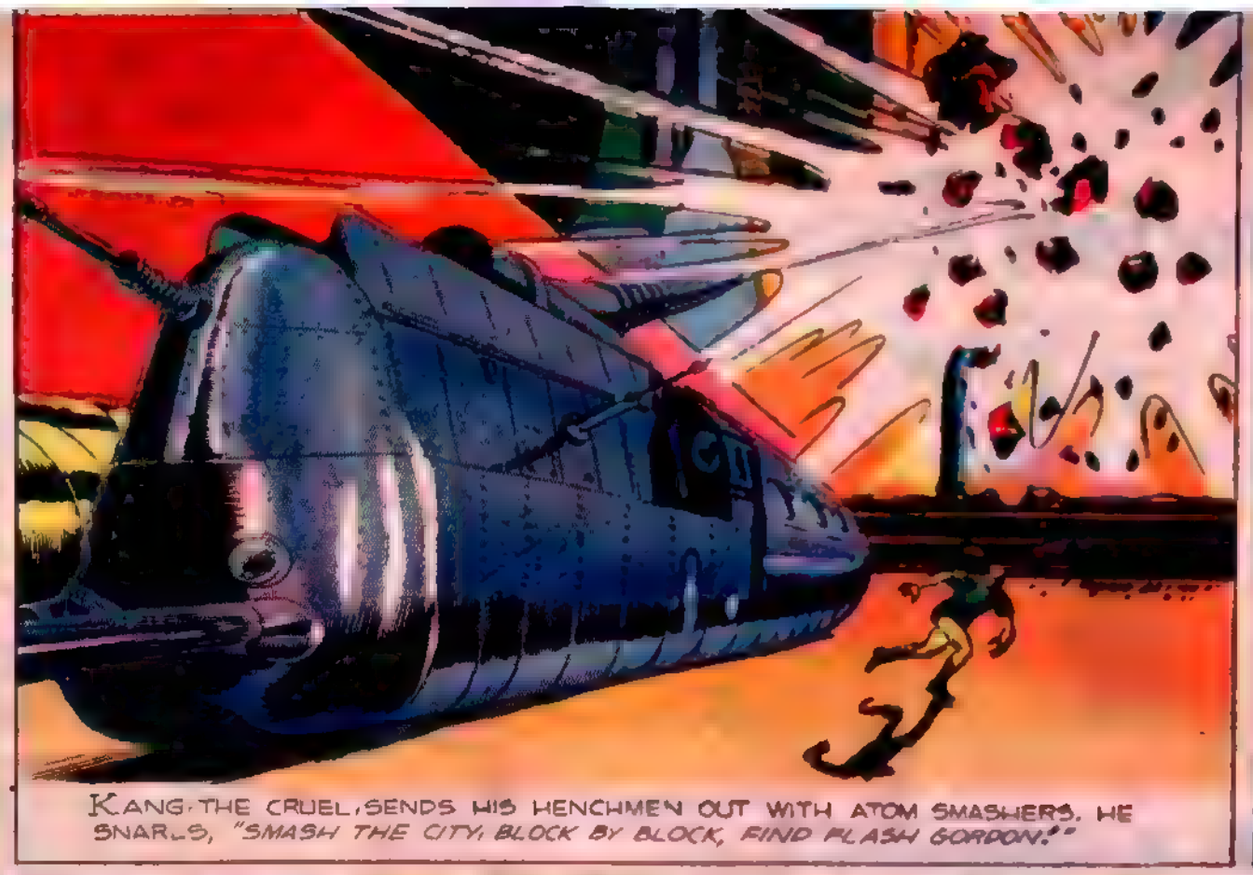

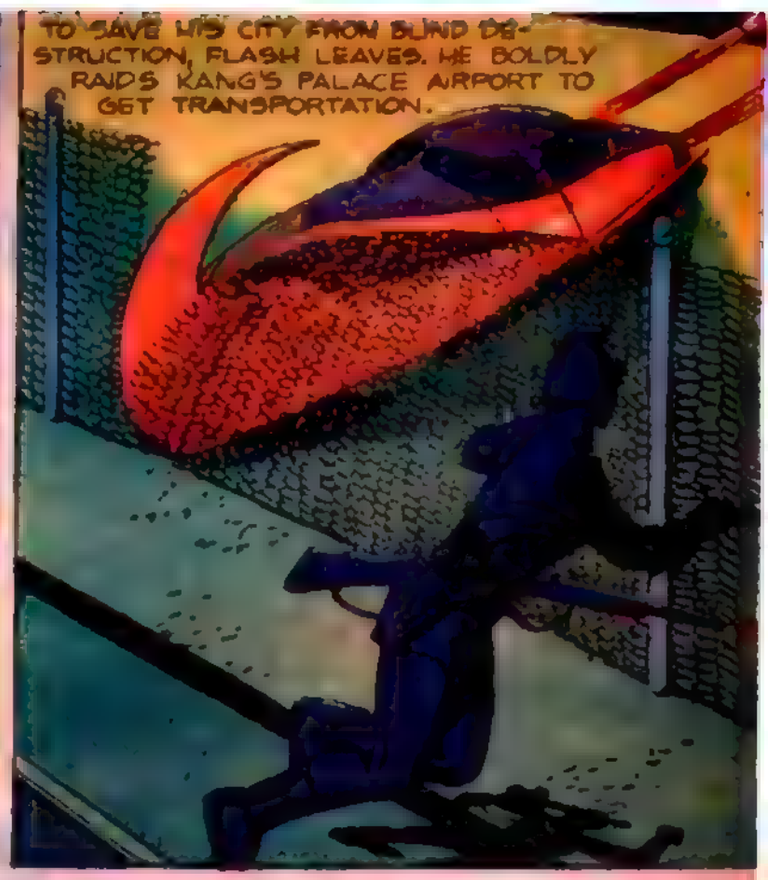

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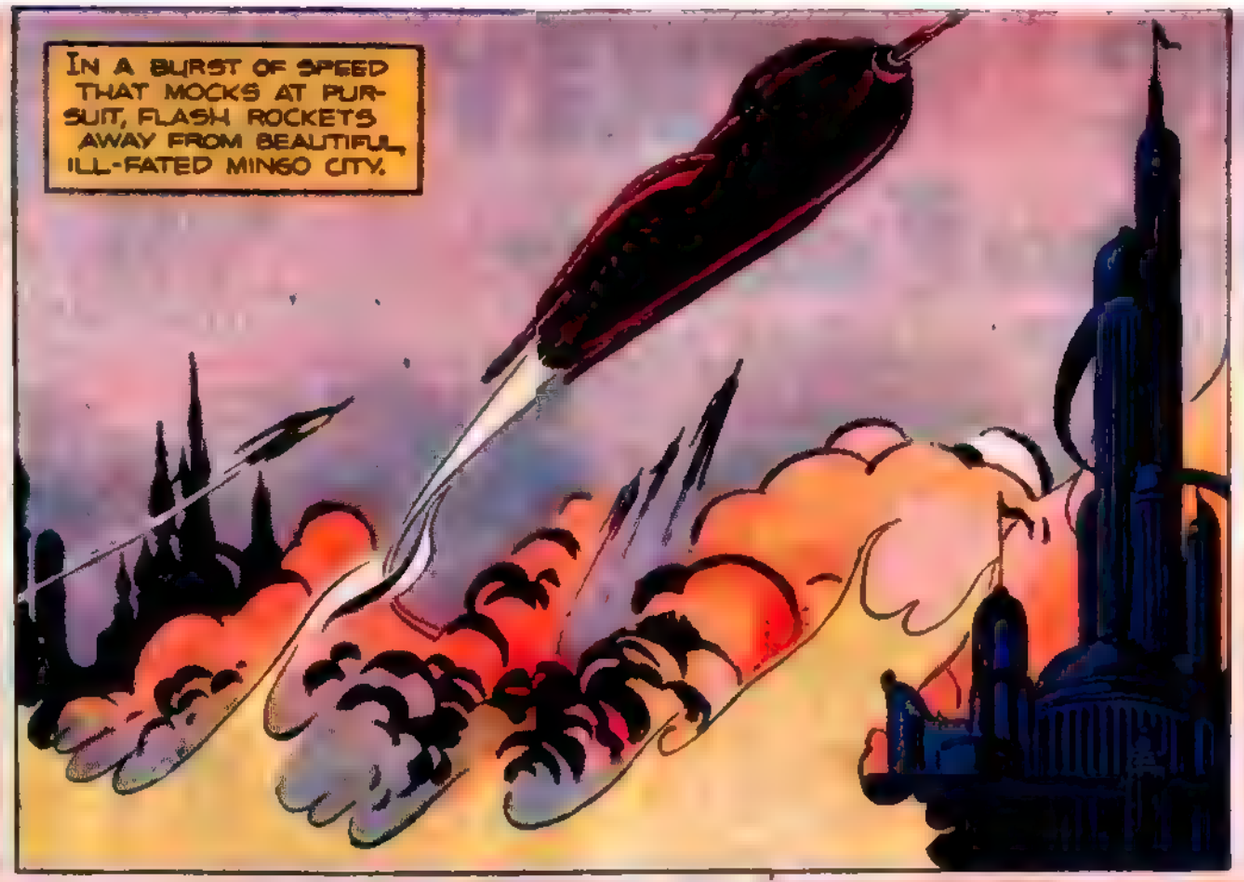

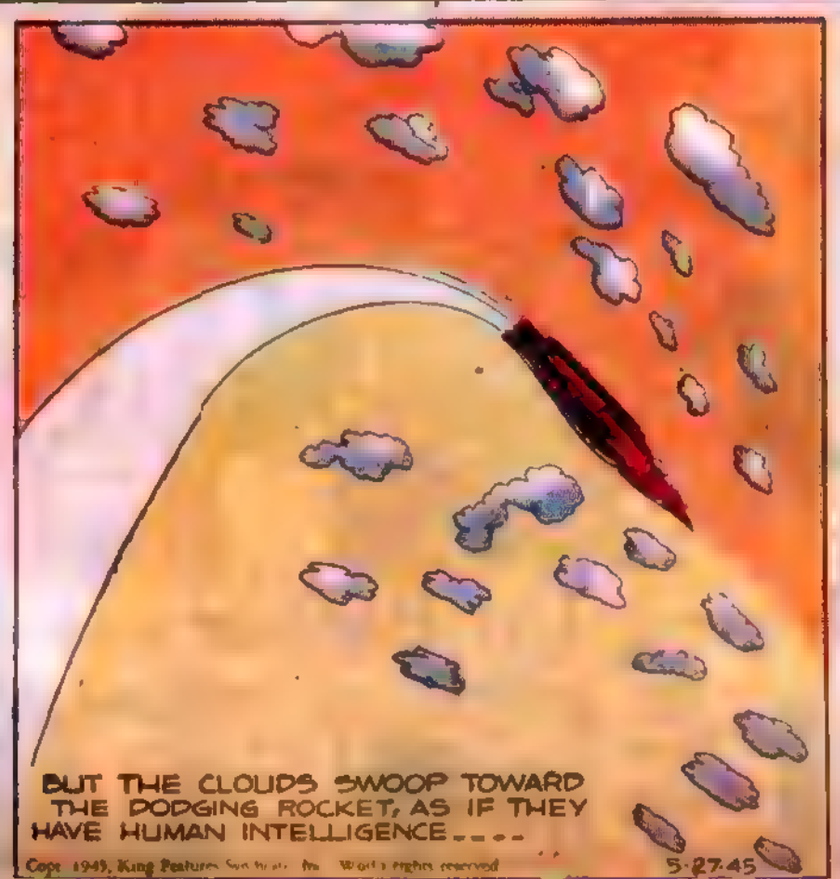

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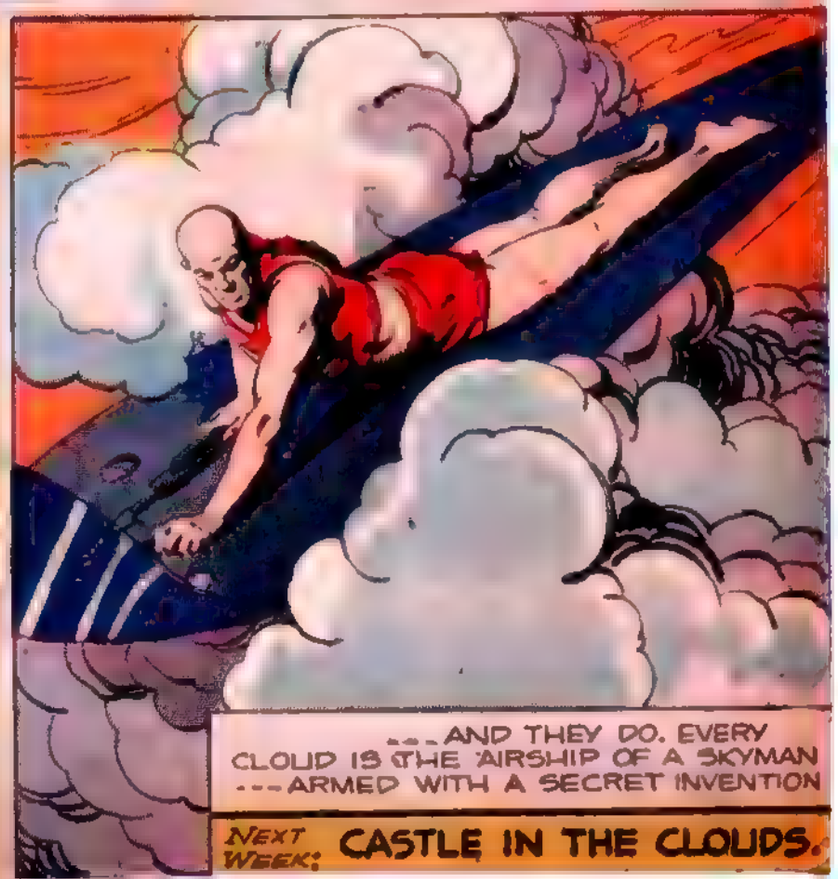

NEXT WEEK: CASTLE IN THE CLOUDS.

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"THOSE CLOUD-LIKE THINGS ARE CHASING US. MAY BE SOME UNKNOWN ELECTROSTATIC ATTRACTION?" ZARKOV PUZZLES. FLASH SAYS: "LET'S TRY TO DISCOURAGE THEM."

THE CALCULORADO-AIMED RAY-BLAST EXPLODES ONE "CLOUD"... AND A STARTLED SKYMAN PARACHUTES TOWARD THE GROUND.

LIKE AVENGING FURIES, THE OTHER CLOUDS DART DOWN AND FASTEN ON-TO THE ILL-FATED SHIP....

FLASH SLIDES OPEN AN EXIT HATCH TO FIGHT THE MYSTERY SKY-PIRATES, BUT A STUNNING ELECTRO-CHARGE KNOCKS HIM BACK INTO THE ROCKET CABIN.

CLEVERLY NEUTRALIZING THE ROCKET-CONTROLS, THE SKYMEN USE THE POWER OF THEIR SKY-SLEDS TO PUSH THE CAPTIVE SHIP TOWARD THEIR LAIR... A WEIRDLY BEAUTIFUL CLOUD-CASTLE

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COURT OF THE SKYMEN.

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NEXT WEEK: **PRINCESS ARIAL**

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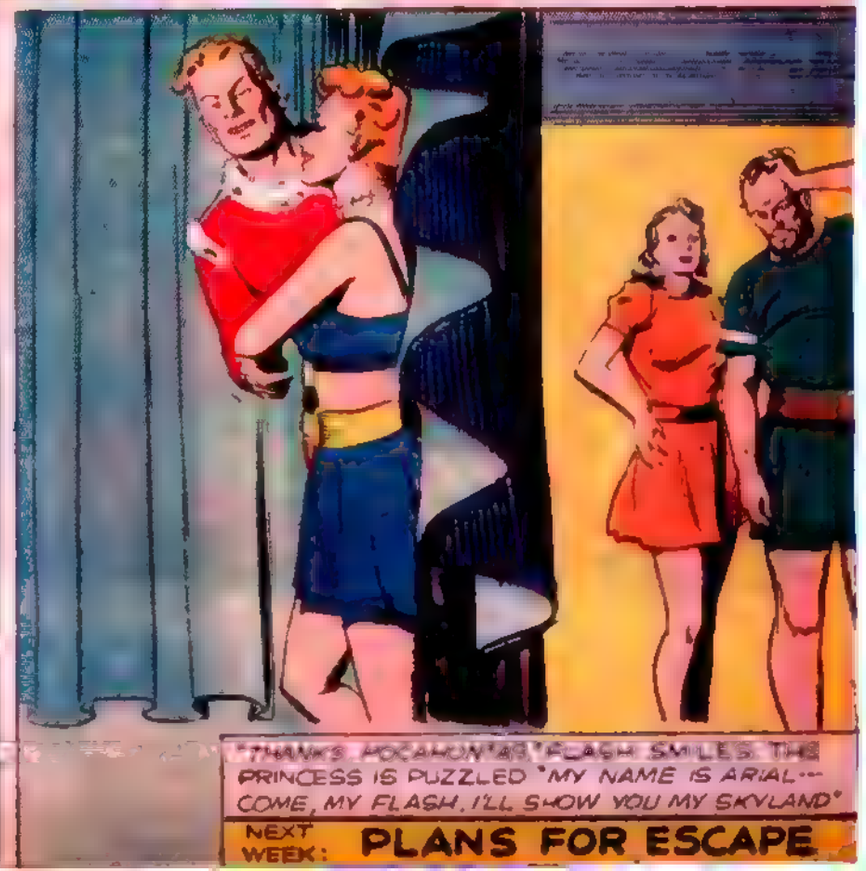

NEXT WEEK: **PLANS FOR ESCAPE**

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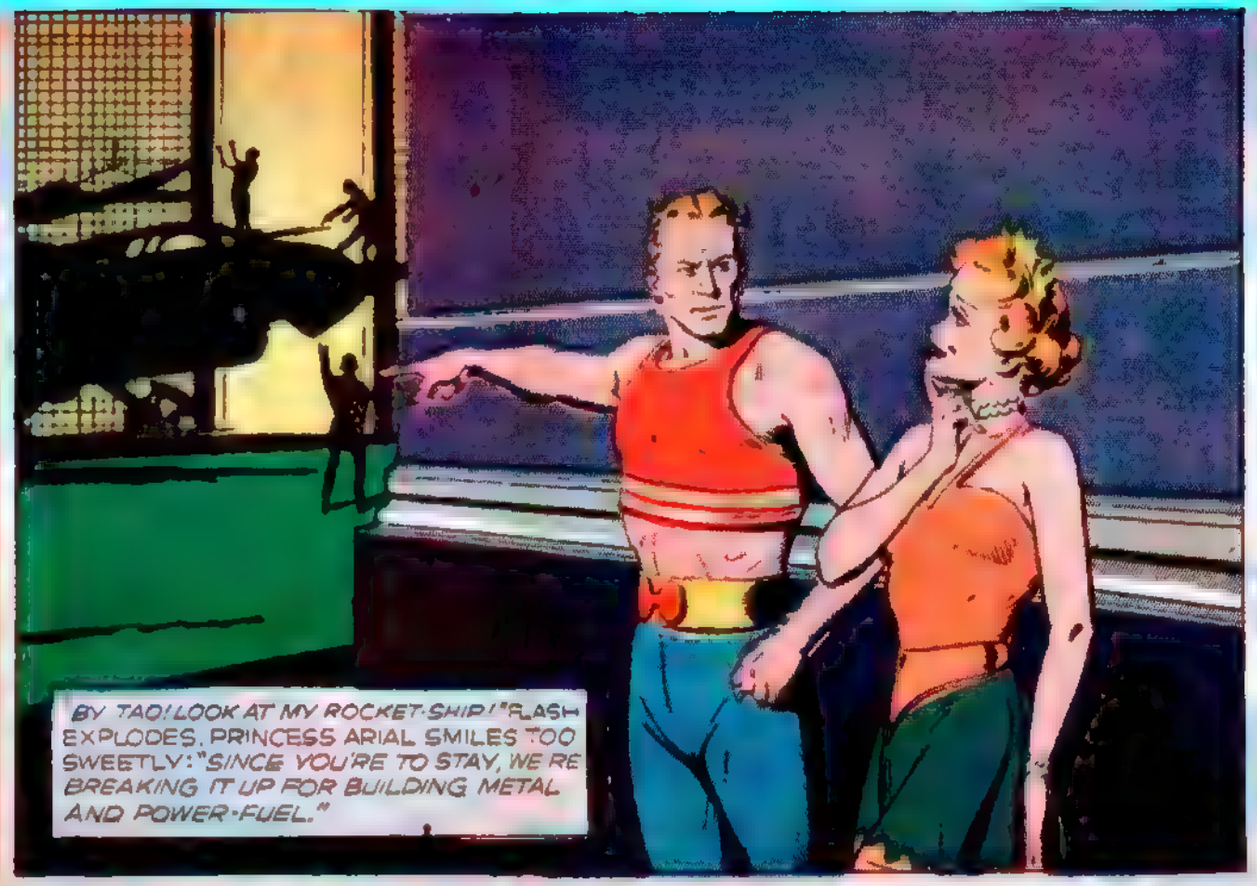

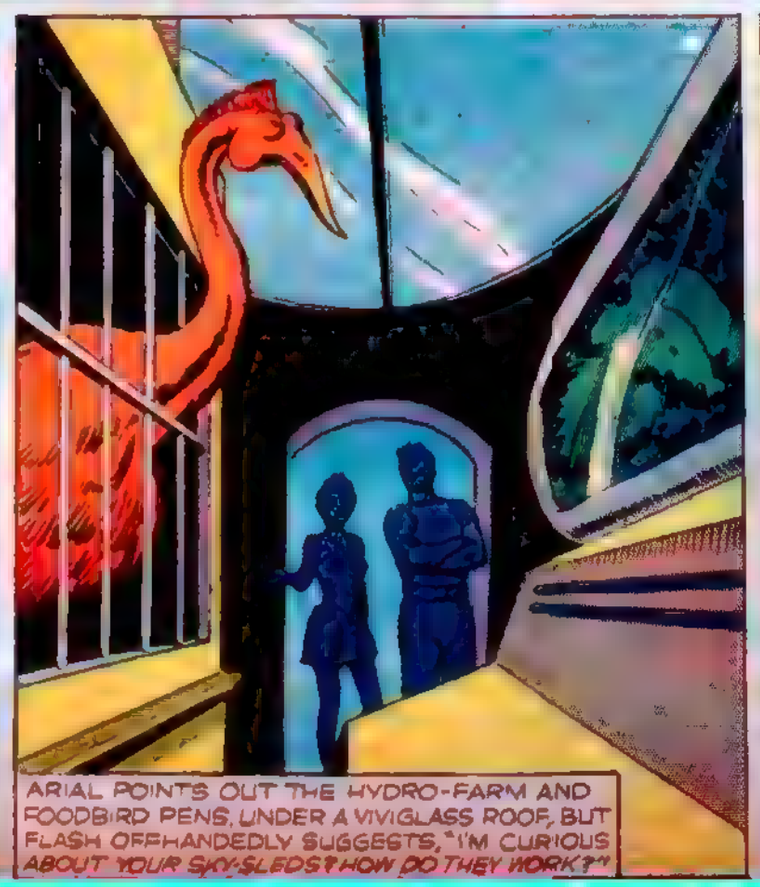

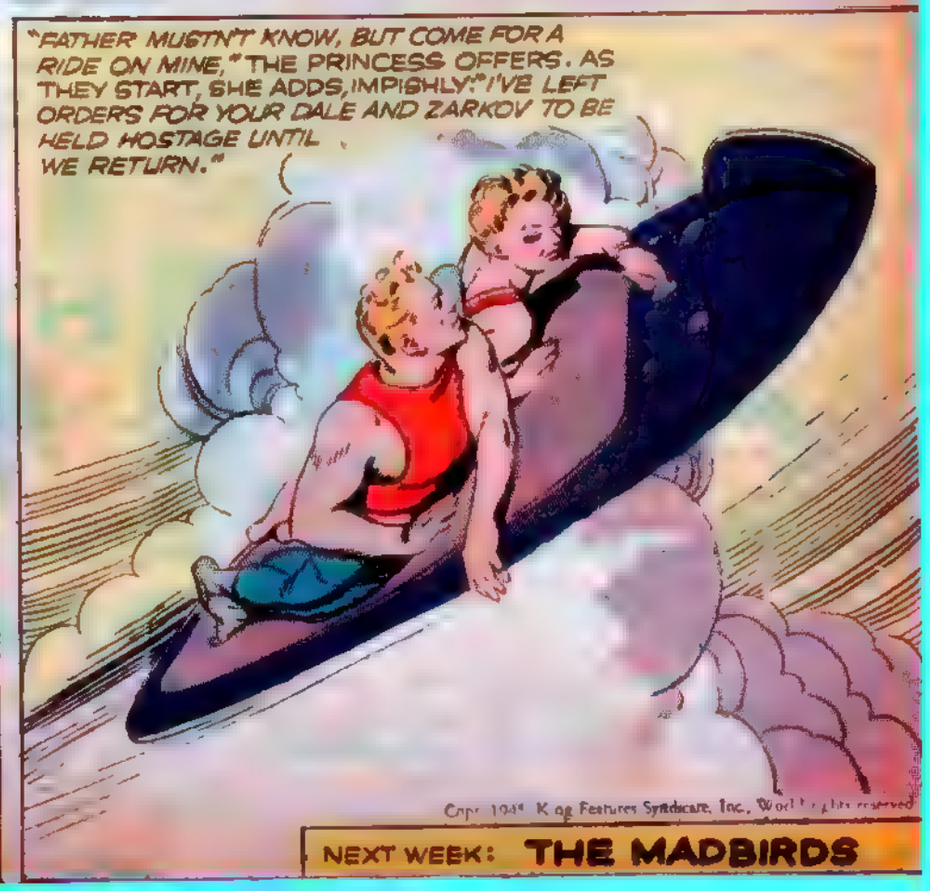

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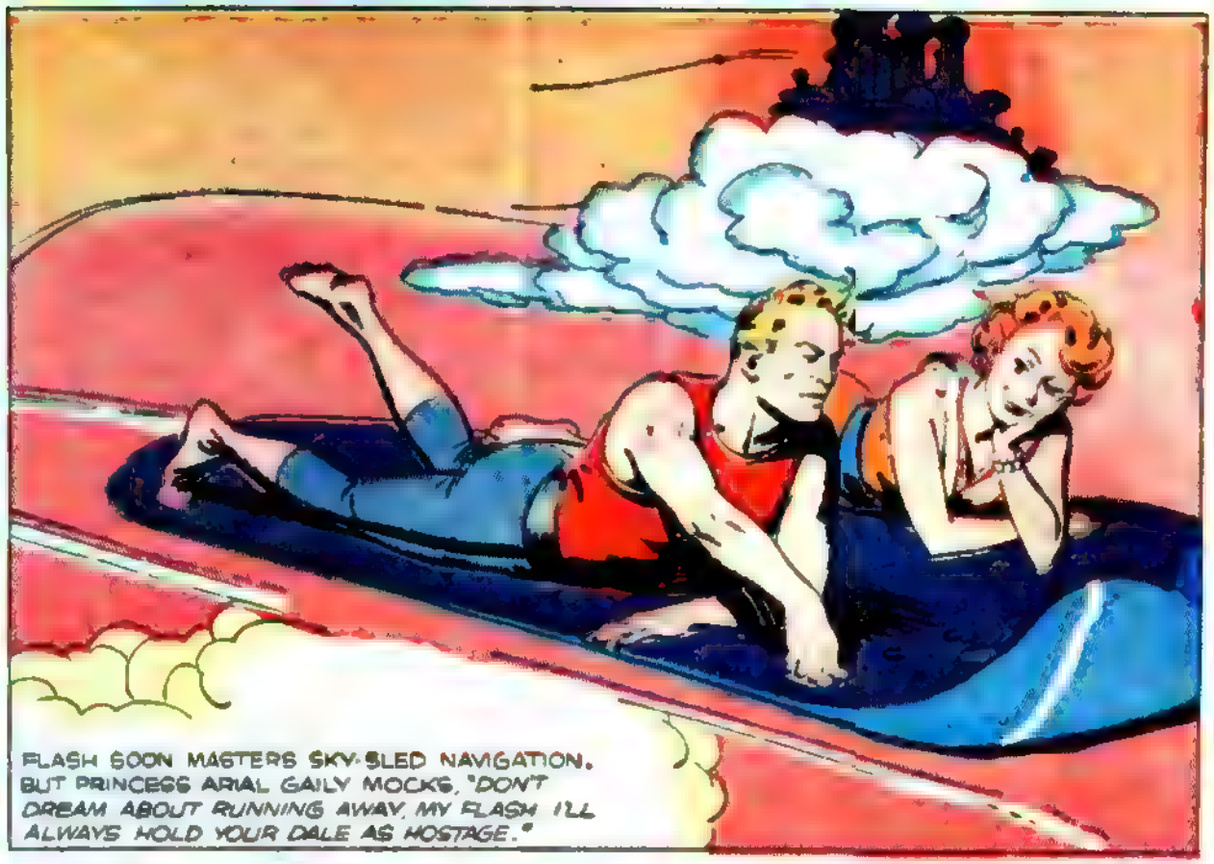

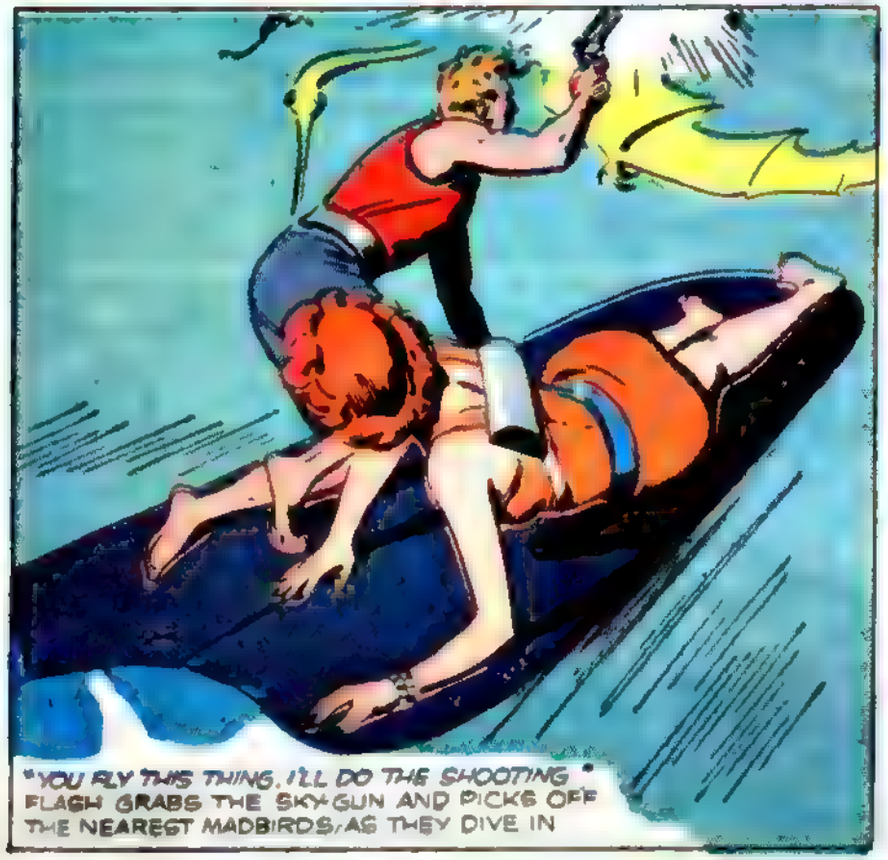

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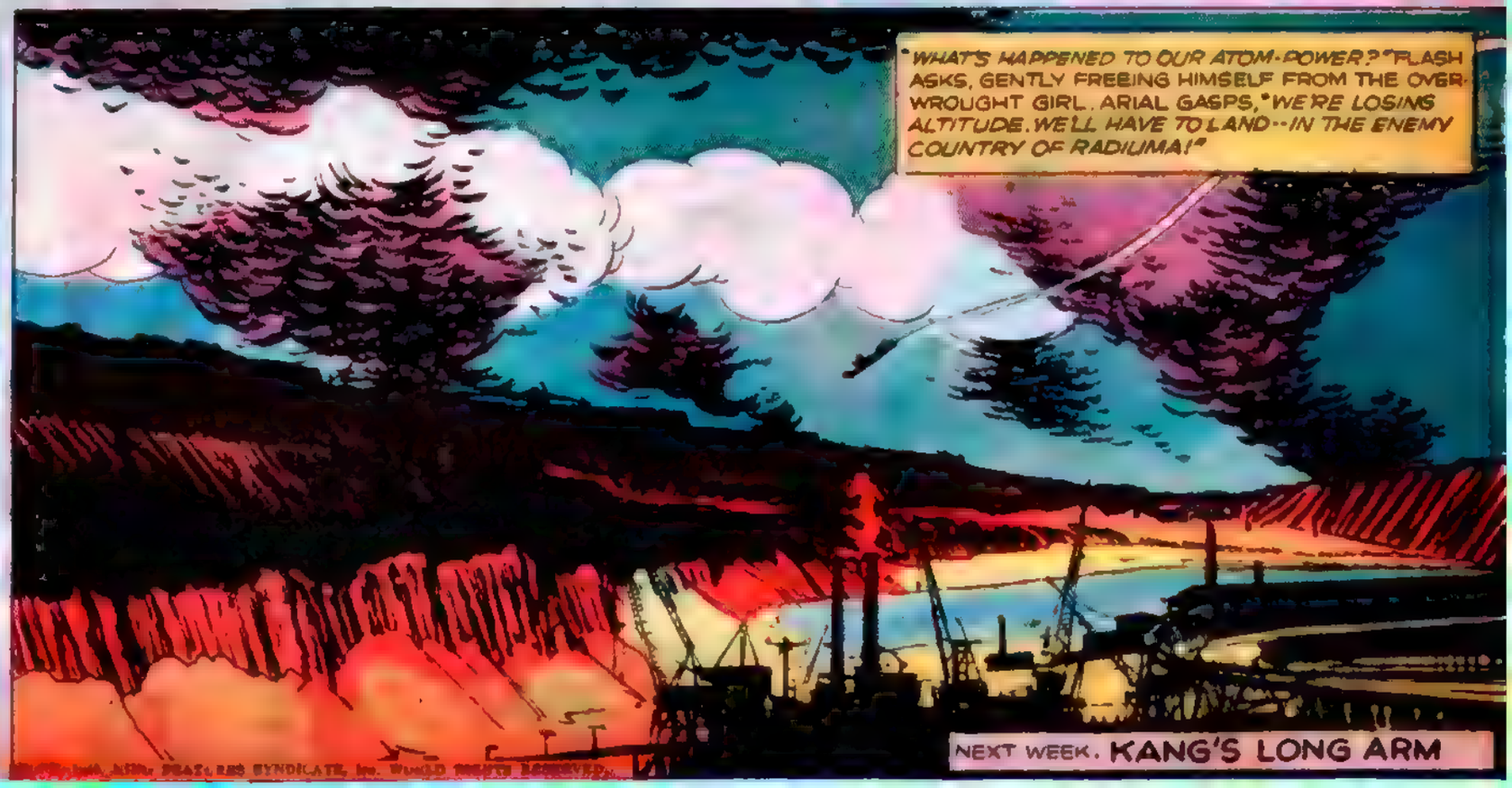

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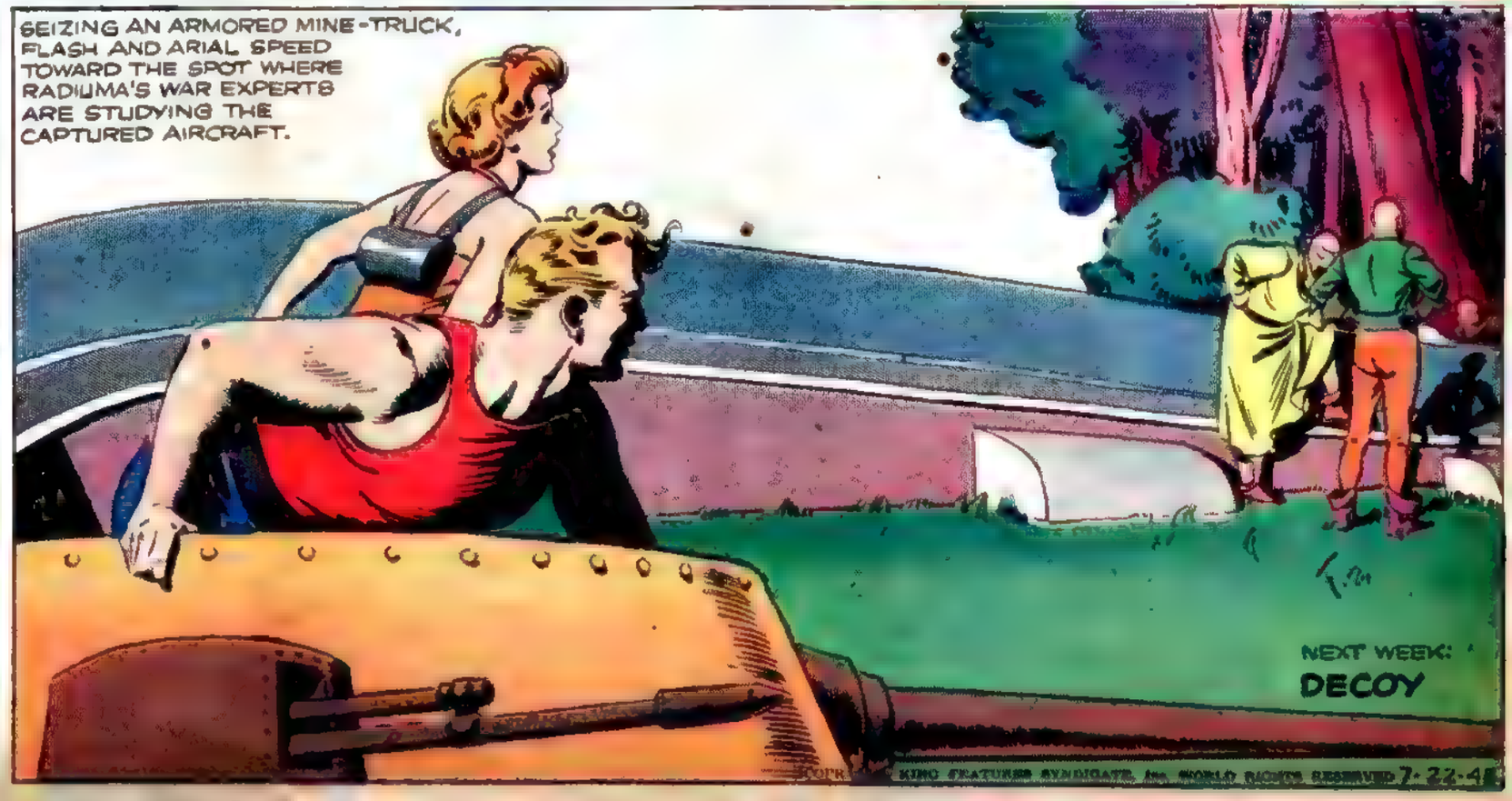
HELD FOR DELIVERY TO KANG, THE CRUEL, FLASH USES HIS HIDDEN GUN ON THE CHAINS THAT BIND HIM TO THE RADIOACTIVE MINE WALLS

A GHASTLY FIGURE LOOMS IN THE DARK TUNNEL AHEAD. *"GHOST OR MAN, GET OUT OF MY WAY,"* FLASH MUTTERS, AND SHOOTS AT THE RADIUM-LUMINOUS BODY OF THE GUARD —

RADOM SCUTTLES INTO A HIDDEN PASSAGE, LIKE A FRIGHTENED RAT. *"NEVER MIND HIM. LET'S FIND YOUR SKY-SLED AND GET AWAY."*



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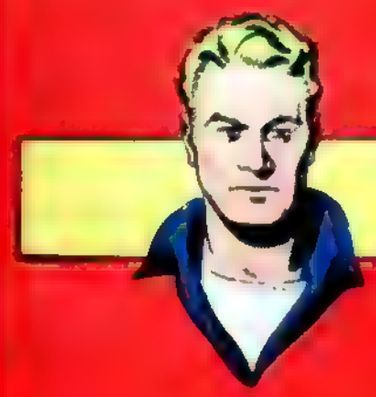

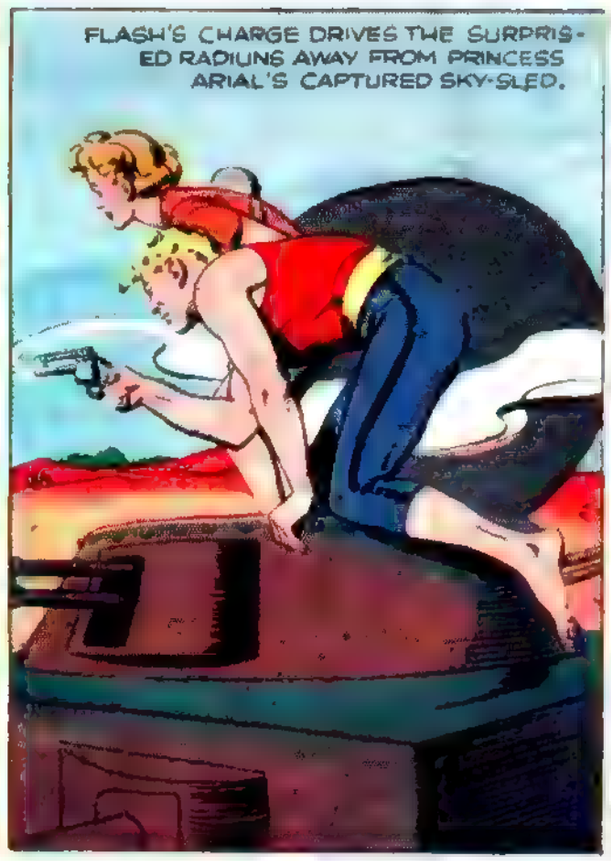

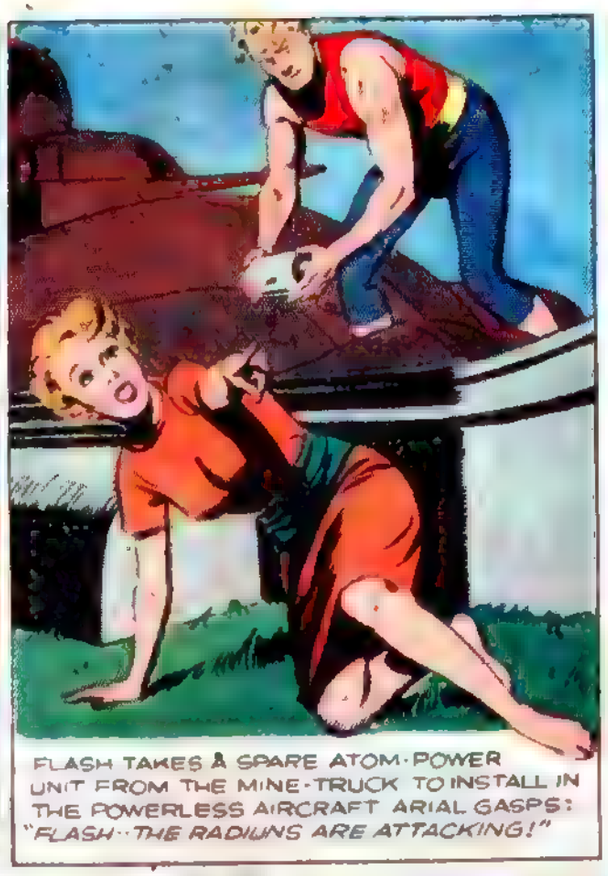

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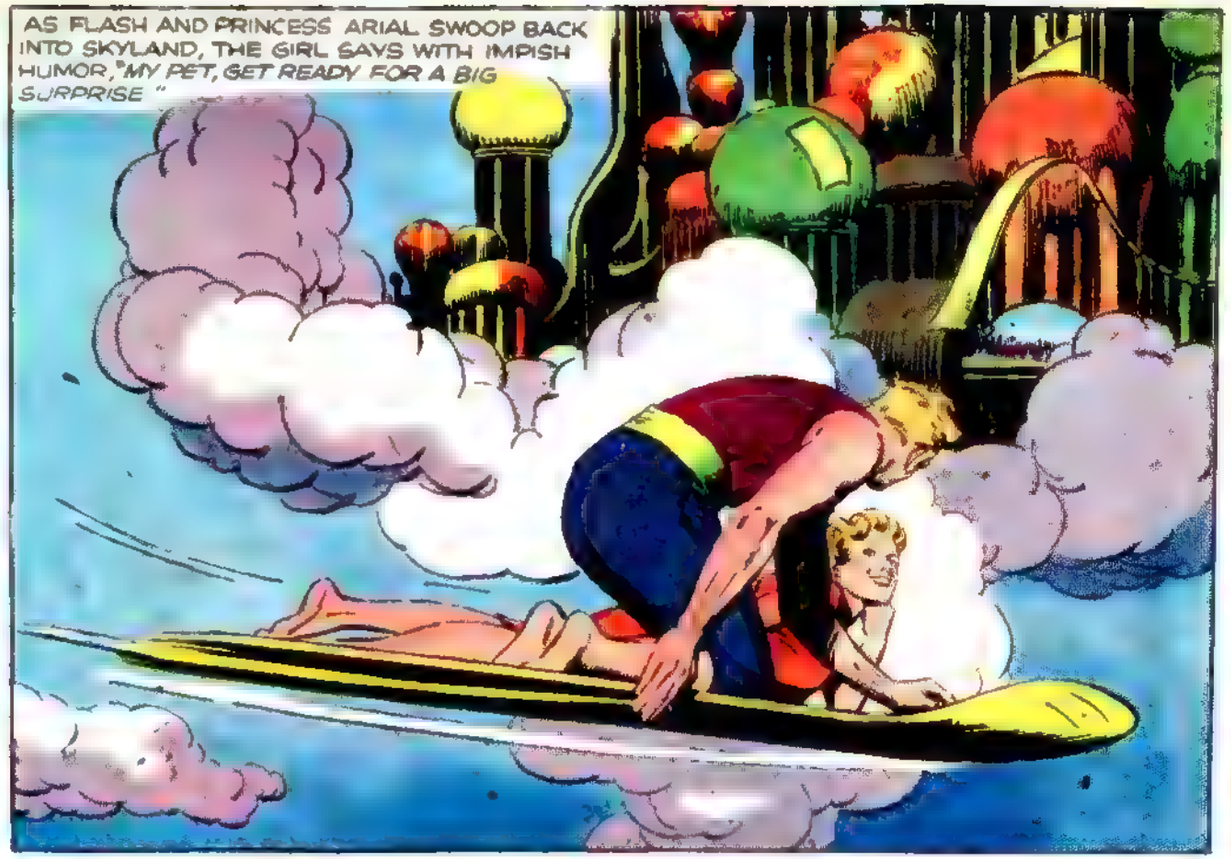

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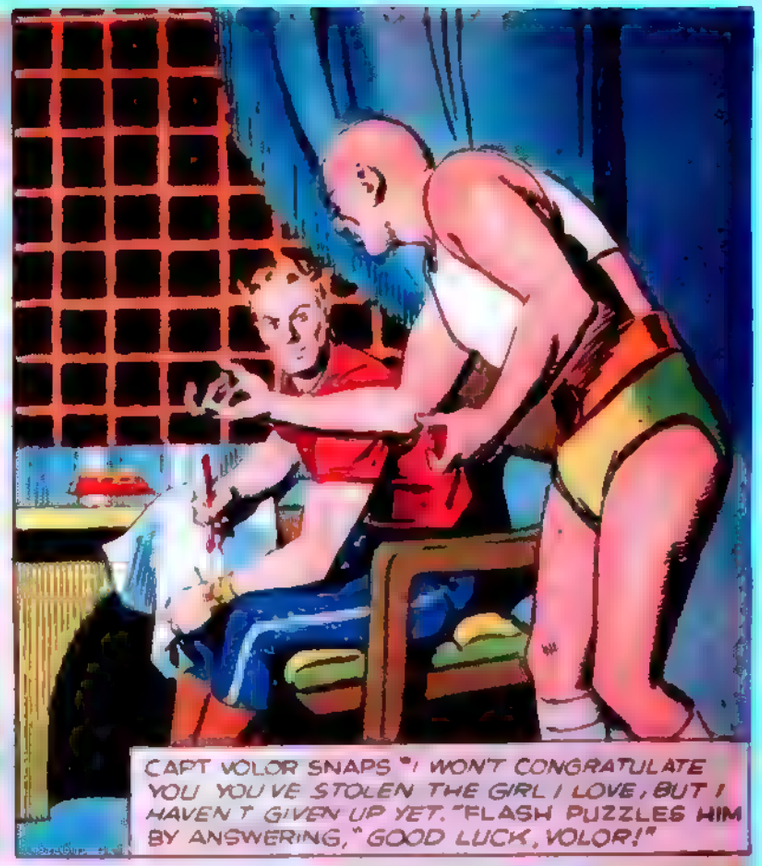

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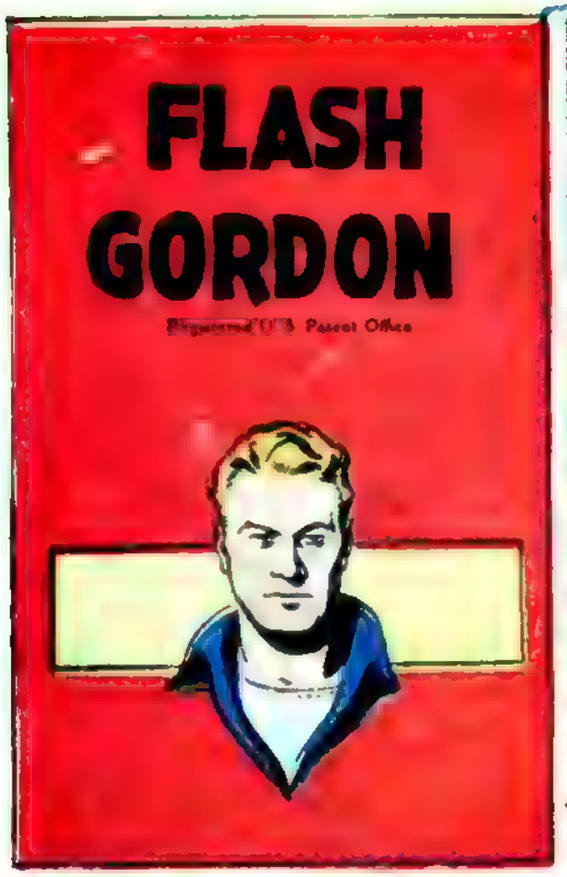
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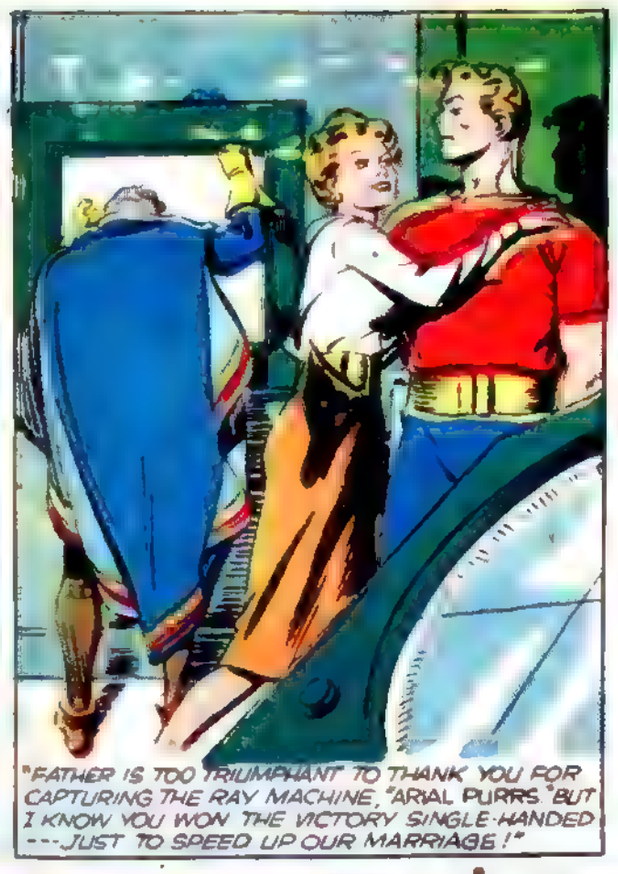
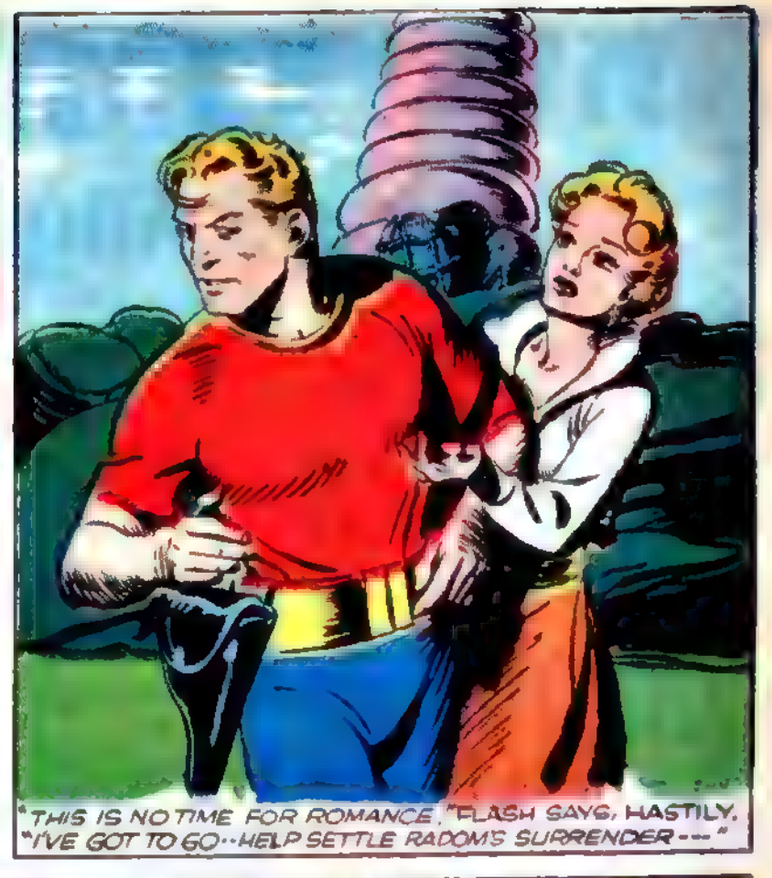
OZON LANDS, AND HEARS KING RADOM PLEAD FOR A TRUCE, OZON GLOATS: "SO YOU WANTED TO DESTROY SKYLAND? HA! NOW YOU CAN COME CRAWLING TO ME."


"FATHER IS TOO TRIUMPHANT TO THANK YOU FOR CAPTURING THE RAY MACHINE," ARIAL PURRS. "BUT I KNOW YOU WON THE VICTORY SINGLE-HANDED ---JUST TO SPEED UP OUR MARRIAGE!"


"THIS IS NO TIME FOR ROMANCE," FLASH SAYS, HASTILY. "I'VE GOT TO GO--HELP SETTLE RADOM'S SURRENDER---"

BUT THE WILY RADOM HAS OTHER PLANS. HE ARRIVES NEAR THE CAPTURED ATOM RAY TOWER TO MEET THE OVERCONFIDENT OZON FOR A PEACE PARLEY.
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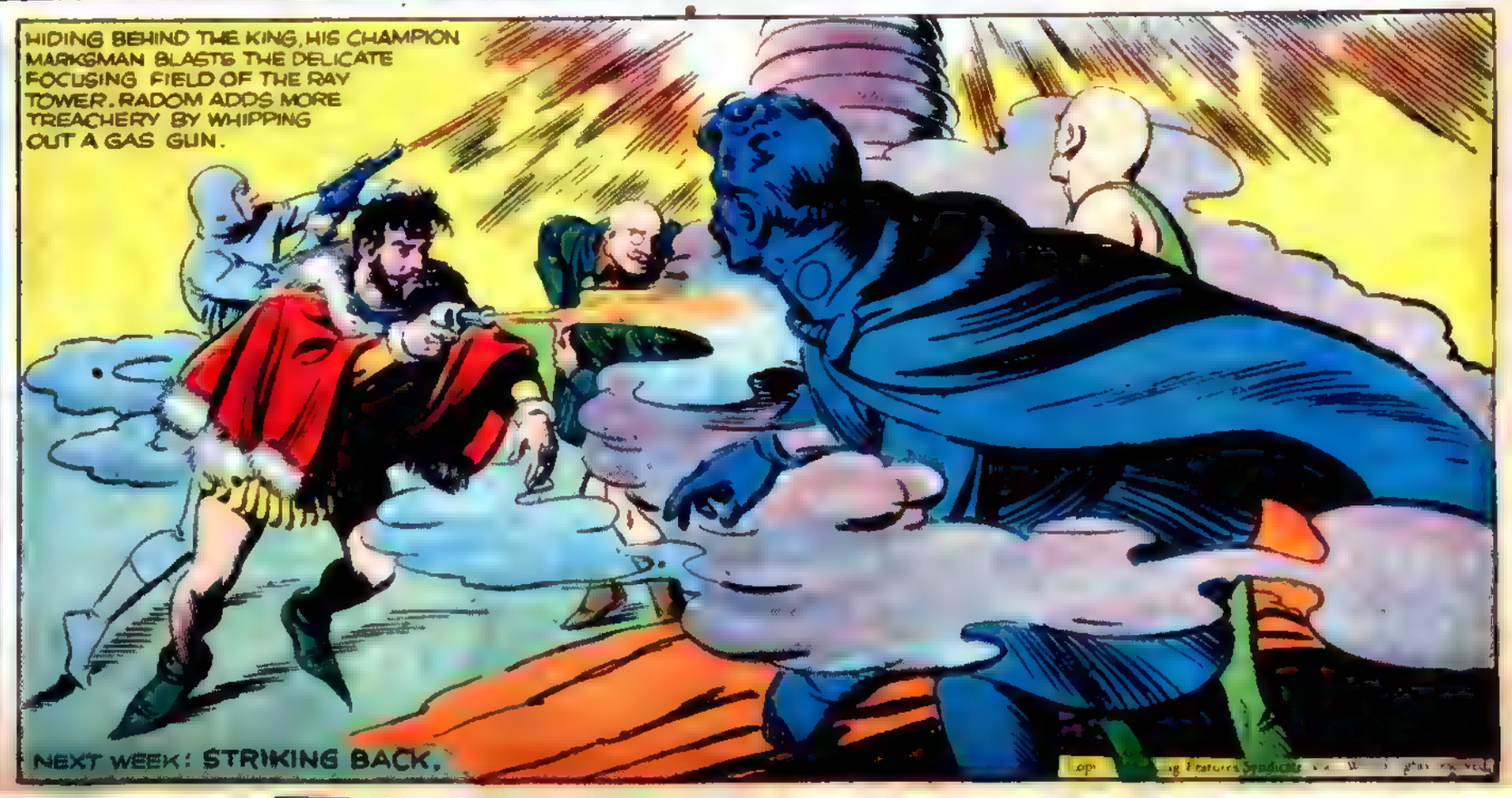
HIDING BEHIND THE KING, HIS CHAMPION MARKSMAN BLASTS THE DELICATE FOCUSING FIELD OF THE RAY TOWER. RADOM ADDS MORE TREACHERY BY WHIPPING OUT A GAS GUN.
NEXT WEEK: STRIKING BACK.

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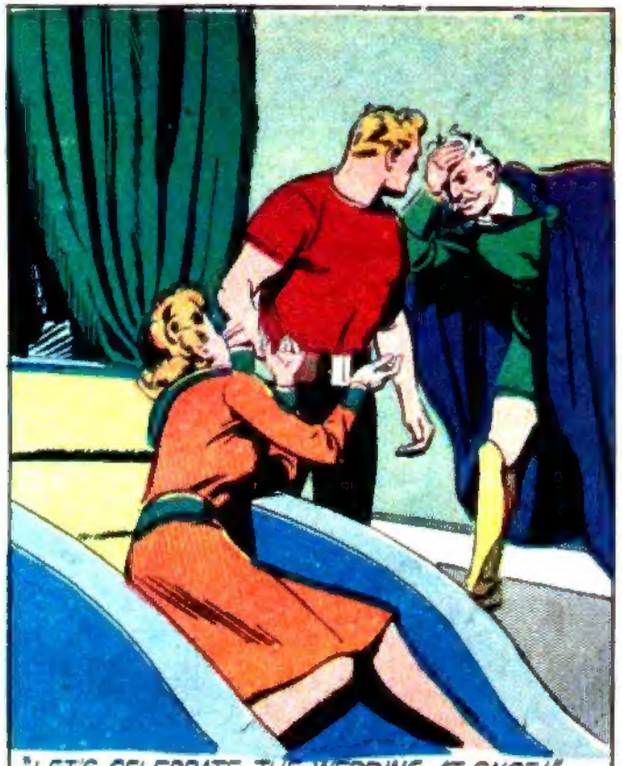
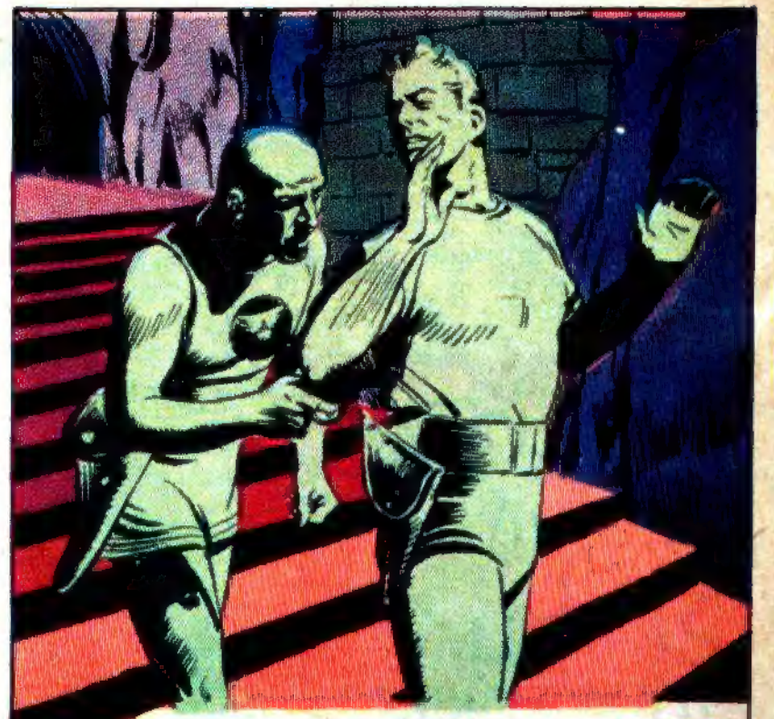


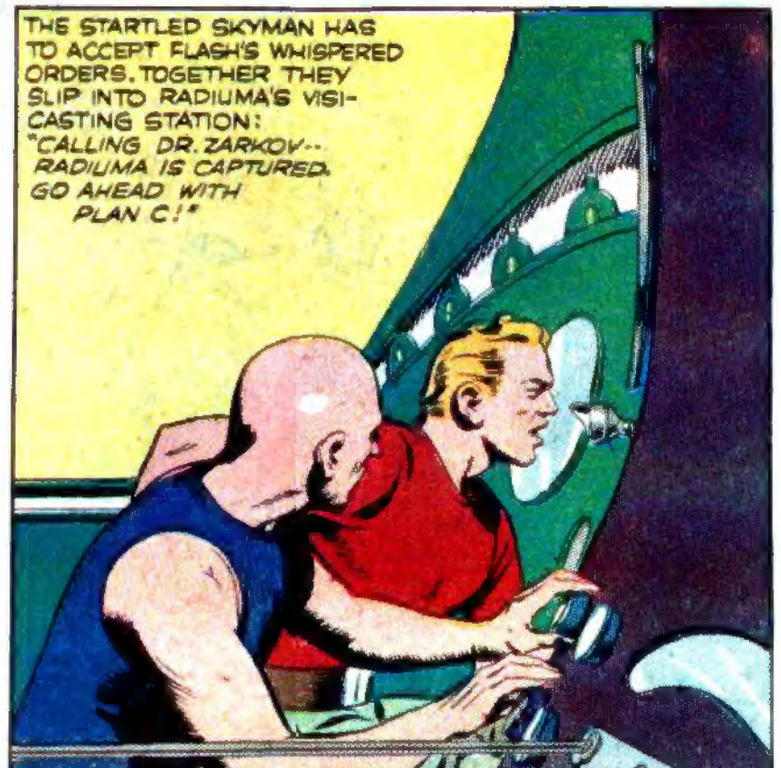
"LET'S CELEBRATE THE WEDDING AT ONCE!" ARIAL BUBBLES EAGERLY. BUT FLASH STALLS: "THAT'LL HAVE TO WAIT FOR MORE IMPORTANT BUSINESS. OZON. LET'S GET CONTROL OF RADIUMA FIRST."

WHEN KING OZON AGREES, THE TEMPER BREAKS THROUGH PRINCESS ARIAL'S PRETTY MASK: "YOU'LL BE SORRY FOR TREATING ME THIS WAY, FLASH, AFTER WE'RE MARRIED!"



FLASH IS TENSELY ALERT, AS THEY TAKE OVER CAPTIVE KING RADOM'S PALACE, BUT THE ONLY DANGER IS FROM A SKYMAN. ARIAL'S DISAPPOINTED SUITOR, CAPTAIN VOLOR, CATCHES HIM ALONE: "FOREIGNER, YOU'LL NEVER LIVE TO MARRY ARIAL!"

"I HOPE YOU'RE RIGHT," FLASH CHUCKLES--BUT HIS SWIFT ACTION SEEMS STRANGELY CONTRARY TO HIS PUZZLING WORDS....



THE STARTLED SKYMAN HAS TO ACCEPT FLASH'S WHISPERED ORDERS. TOGETHER THEY SLIP INTO RADIUMA'S VISI-CASTING STATION: "CALLING DR. ZARKOV-- RADIUMA IS CAPTURED. GO AHEAD WITH PLAN C!"

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FLASH IS OVERJOYED TO SEE ZARKOV'S CONFIDENT FACE IN SKYLAND'S VISICASTER: "OKAY, FLASH -- WE'RE ON OUR WAY!"

NEXT WEEK: OUT OF A CLEAR SKY.

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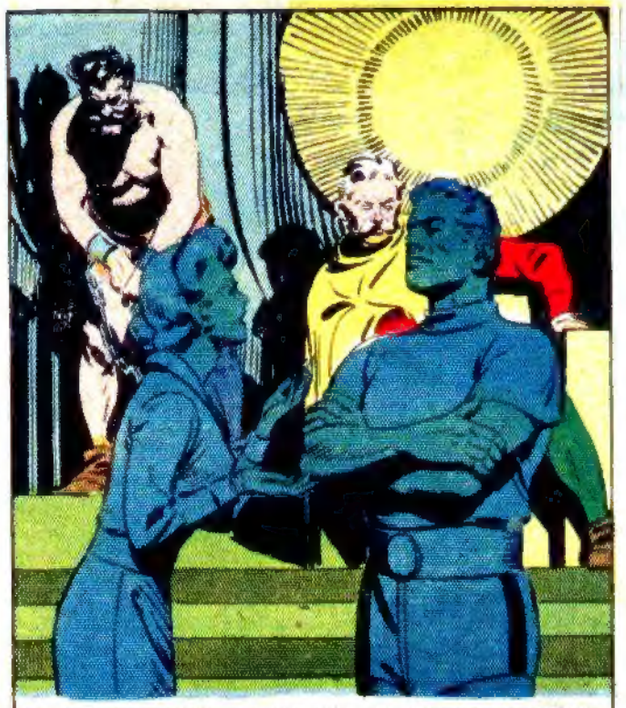
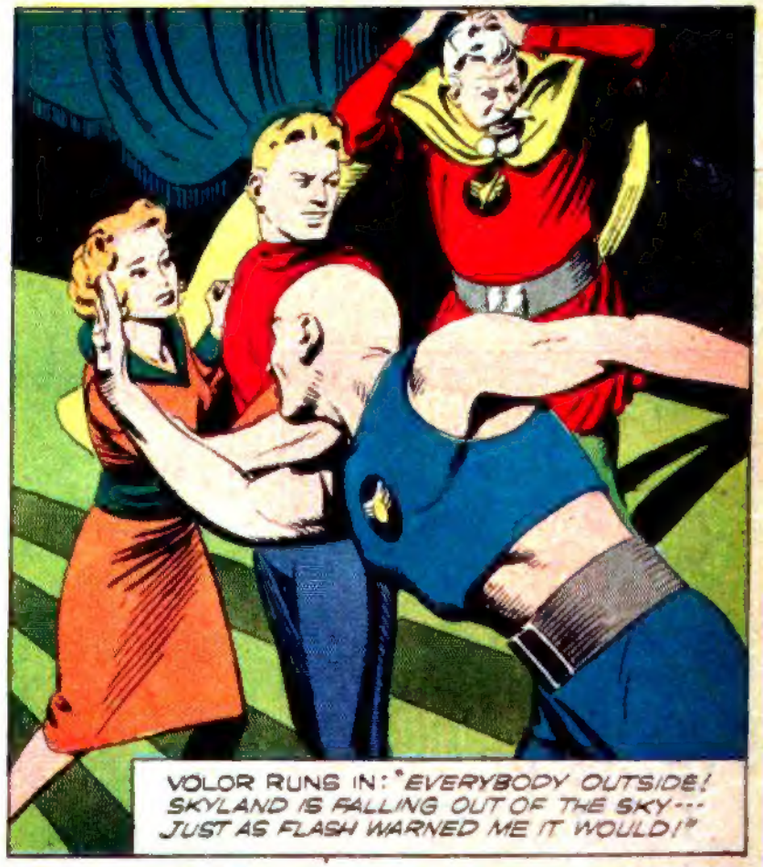
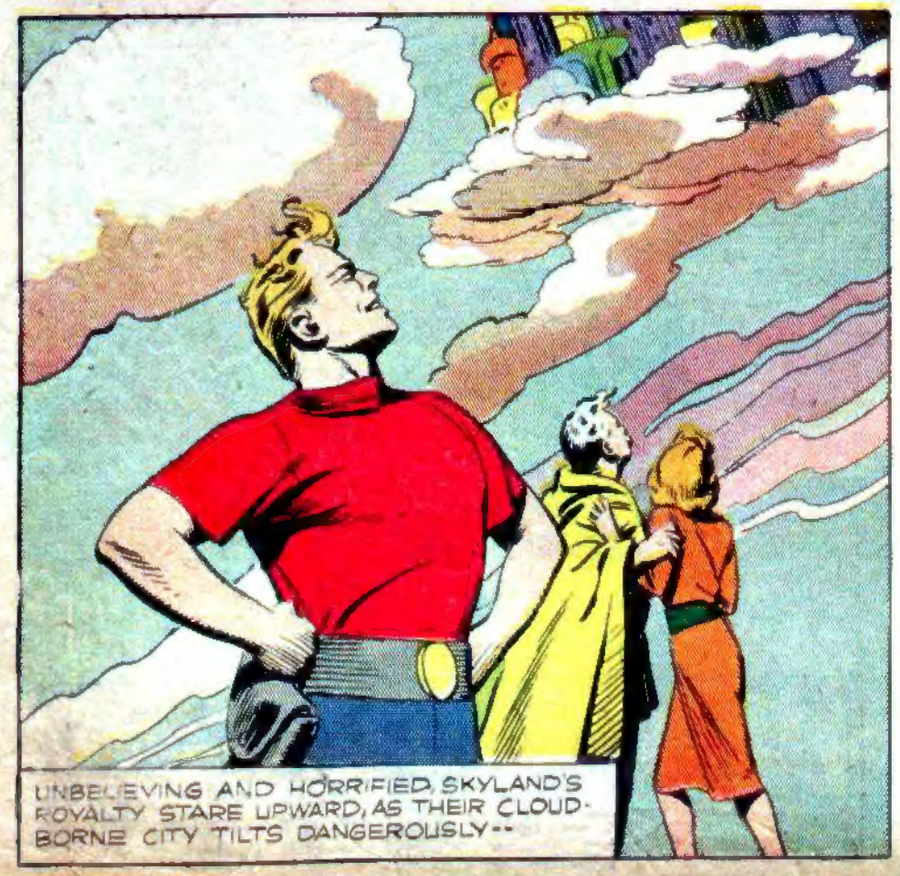


AS OZON MOUNTS RADIUMA'S CAPTURED THRONE, ARIAL CROWS, "NOW THERE'S NOTHING TO STOP OUR GETTING MARRIED, FLASH." BUT HE REPLIES, "YES, THERE IS I LOVE DALE IF I MUST CHOOSE, I'D RATHER DIE THAN MARRY YOU-- LITERALLY"

SKYLAND HAS NO FURY LIKE A PRINCESS SCORNED ARIAL GASPS, "FATHER, CARRY OUT THE LAW. THROW THIS CREATURE AND THAT GIRL OUT OF SKYLAND WITHOUT PARACHUTES!"



VOLOR RUNS IN: "EVERYBODY OUTSIDE! SKYLAND IS FALLING OUT OF THE SKY--- JUST AS FLASH WARNED ME IT WOULD!"



UNBELIEVING AND HORRIFIED, SKYLAND'S ROYALTY STARE UPWARD, AS THEIR CLOUD-BORNE CITY TILTS DANGEROUSLY--

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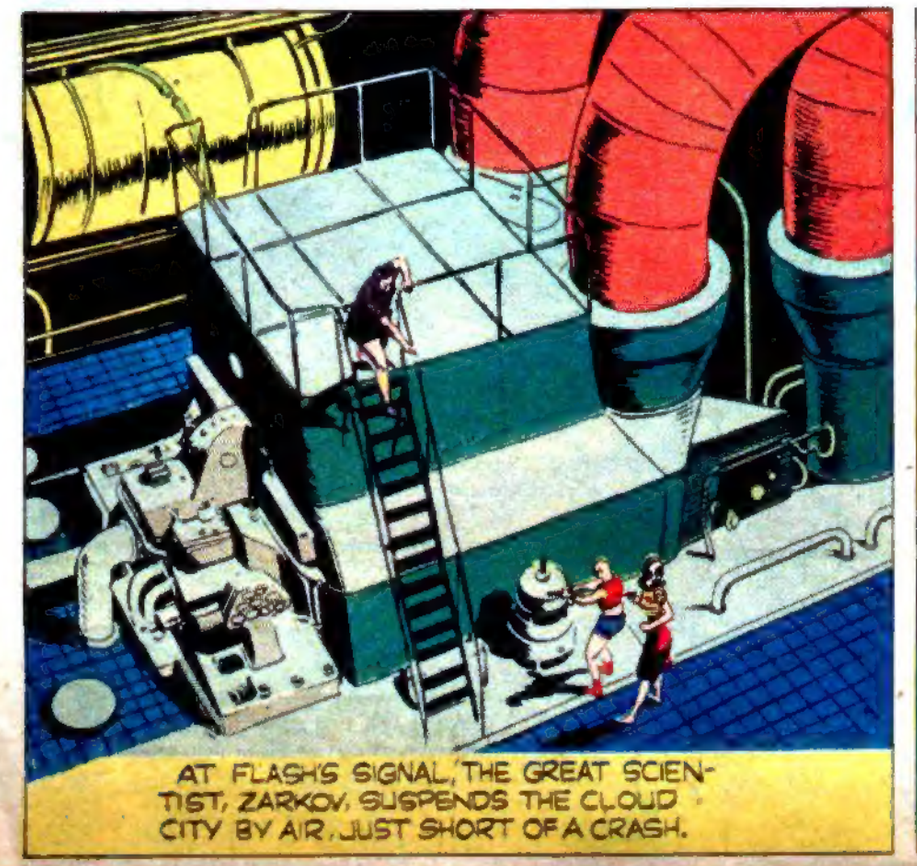

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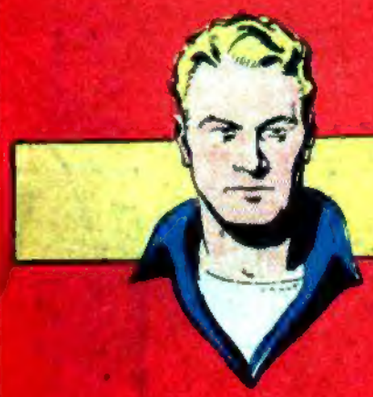

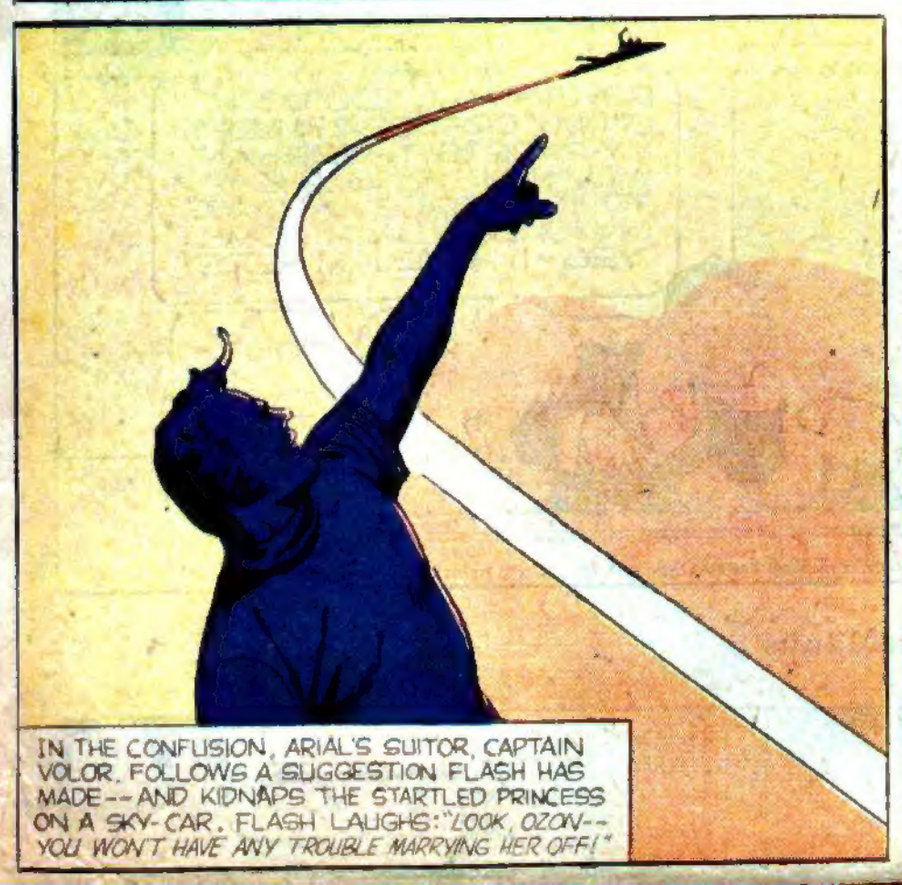

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